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Election Card Irregularity C.I.B. Notified

A card handed out to voters at last Saturday's council election has been referred to the C.I.B., said Mr. J. W. Waters, shire secretary and returning officer, at the special meeting last Monday night.

Directly the meeting opened and prior to the swearing in of Cr. Harry Weaver, Mr. Waters said he wished to comment on literature distributed last Saturday.

He said that at the Civic Offices they could find no record of a resident of the name given as the authority for issuing this material nor was there such an address as printed under the name.

The authorisation read: "T. Mr. Waters pointed out that Frewin, Lot 58 Nelson Street, Altona."

Avenue, but it has no lot number 58. And there are no houses in Nelson Avenue.

There is not a resident of this name in Altona, continued Mr. Waters, nor is the name in the telephone book.

An exhaustive search, however, has revealed a gentleman of this name owns property, lot number 21 in Talbot Avenue, said Mr. Waters.

He concluded by saying the matter has been referred to the C.I.B.

The Local Government Act 1958 states that all election material must bear the true full name and place of residence of the author of the article.

Christmas Message from Cr. Lee

Mrs. Lee and I are indeed grateful for the opportunity to extend the season's greetings to the readers of the "Altona Star" everywhere — especially those who are residents of Altona.

May the festive and holiday season bring to you all, happiness, joy and particularly a safe journey when travelling on our crowded roads.

The past year has seen many important events. Amongst the most dramatic has been the unforgettable Festival of the Arts staged by Altona groups, many of which themselves were only in their first year of formation. On the field of sport, there were many notable successes in almost every phase of activity. Education Week was again an outstanding success.

These are but samples of the development; which with the help of the community, has made Altona the wonderful place that it is.

My best wishes to you all, a very Merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year with peace and goodwill to each and every one of you.

Cr. H. W. LEE, JP, President, Altona Shire.

TRIBUTE TO HOLT

The following statement was made by Mr. Merv Lee, M.H.R. for Labor, on Tuesday last.

"I first saw Harold Holt just prior to World War 2 when I went to work in Canberra.

"I used to sit in the Public Gallery and look down on this gay debonair young man who was reputed to be the most elegant bachelor in Canberra.

"In those days he parted his sleek dark hair on one side and cut a dashing figure as he crossed Kings Hall.

"Just one year ago I was to renew my acquaintance with him on a more personal level.

"He had come a long way in the intervening years.

"From my first day in the Party room when each new member had to stand to be introduced by the

A.L.P. Councillors Lose Control of Council

For the first time in eight years the Altona Shire Council is not controlled by Labor councillors.

Four Labor and five Ratepayer councillors is the new make-up of the council following Cr. Harry Weaver's success at last Saturday's election.

Labor councillors are the Shire President, Cr. H. W. Lee, and councillors A. W. Bond, G. den Dulk and J. J. Ginifer, M.L.A.

Crs. W. L. J. Crofts, P. A. Burns, D. K. Grant, P. J. Lynch and H. Weaver are the Ratepayer councillors.

The Shire of Altona was proclaimed in 1957 and since August, 1959, Labor councillors have been in the majority.

For five and a half of these years—August, 1960, to February, 1966—all nine councillors were members of the ALP.

The first break of the domination came in February, 1966, when Cr. Crofts was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the then shire president, the late Cr. V. Hearn.

In the extraordinary election last Saturday to fill the vacancy following the tragic death of the late Cr. S. G. McIntosh, (an ALP councillor) Cr. Weaver, standing as the Ratepayers candidate, against ALP candidate Mr. Robert Harrison, received a majority of votes at each of the polling booths.

Final total figures were: Weaver 13,588, Harrison 10,185.

At a special short council meeting at 8 p.m. last Monday night, Cr. Weaver's swearing in was witnessed by his wife, one

of his young sons, Paul, daughter Jenny, his mother, sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Paterson, and father-in-law Mr. H. V. Jeavons.

All councillors were present with the exception of Cr. J. J. Ginifer.

In the gallery were wives and families of other councillors, Footscray councillors F. Madder and Bert Heatley, Mrs. Heatley, many of Cr. Weaver's supporters, Mr. Harrison and several Labor followers.

After the swearing in by shire secretary, Mr. J. W. Waters, Cr. Weaver was presented with a medal of office by the shire president, Cr. H. W. Lee.

Cr. Lee said he deemed it a privilege to present the medal, one of which is presented to all councillors called to honour in this council chamber.

He added that he was sure Cr. Weaver would uphold the dignity of the office it represents.

Cr. Weaver expressed his thanks for his welcome to coun-

cil and thanked the many voters who gave him their vote of confidence.

He thanked his wife, campaign director Mr. Jack Carroll, and supporters for their untiring efforts on his behalf.

He concluded by stating that it is his desire to work with the rest of the councillors for the betterment of the Shire of Altona.

Cr. Lee invited Mr. Harrison to speak from the gallery.

Mr. Harrison said he enjoyed taking part in the election, but has come to the conclusion that a candidate needs to stand twice before being elected to Altona council.

He thanked the people who helped and voted for him.

The majority by which Cr. Weaver won shows he certainly had the vote of confidence, said Mr. Harrison.

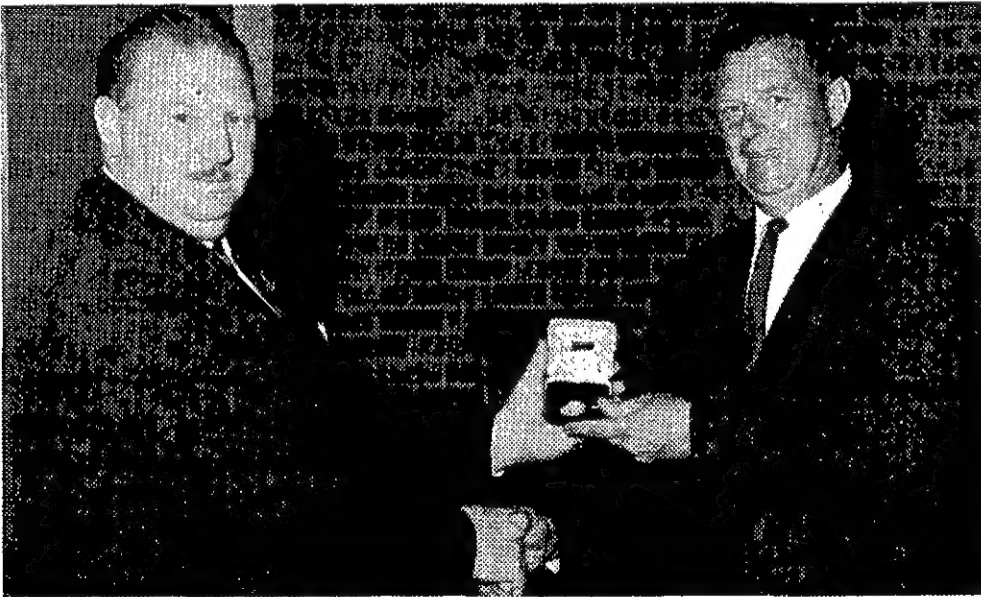
And, he added, it highlights the work before the ALP to regain this confidence.

Cr. Lee then stated that as the councillors had a long agenda to consider at a general purposes committee meeting to follow and another later special meeting still to be held on this same night he proposed to declare this meeting closed.

Ten seconds later he brought down the gavel.

Cr. P. A. Burns suggested that, as in the past, councillors should be given the opportunity to offer their congratulations to the new councillor before the close of the meeting.

Cr. Lee ruled that he had closed the meeting.



Altona's newest councillor, Cr. Harry Weaver, elected last Saturday, was sworn in at a special council meeting last Monday night and above he receives the medal of office from the shire president, Cr. H. W. Lee (on the left).

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DIVINE SAMARITAN

God in his place looked and saw man whom He had made.

He saw how man had forsaken the words of Moses and the prophets and fallen into his own ways.

He saw that man had fallen amongst the thieves of self indulgence and self pride. These had stolen away his talents and bruised his spiritual being.

He saw that His law was observed as a formality and religion as a habit—and that man was not helped by either.

And God had compassion on man and He said: "I will send my son. He alone can make men whole. He shall pour in the oil of holiness and the wine of happiness. Man shall be at one with me."

And Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

VOTE:—

1 HARRISON, R. F.

2 WEAVER, H.

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This is a reproduction of the white card printed in blue ink which has been referred to the C.I.B. by Mr. J. W. Waters. Number 1 has been placed against the A.L.P. candidate, Mr. Robert Harrison, and Number 2 beside the Ratepayer candidate, Cr. Harry Weaver.

Mr. Gordon Stirling, secretary of the Altona branch of the A.L.P., who authorised the A.L.P. How-to-Vote Card, said he knows nothing about the origin of this card.

The official A.L.P. card, printed in black ink on yellow card, giving Mr. Harrison the Number 1 vote, was clearly marked A.L.P. When contacted Mr. Harrison also denied any knowledge of the card.

Campaign director for the Ratepayers, Mr. Jack Carroll, said Ratepayers official card, also black print on yellow card, gave Number 1 vote to Cr. H. Weaver.

He considers this white card was an attempt on the part of the person or persons to mislead voters intending to cast their votes for the Ratepayer candidate.

EDITORIAL

The Altona Council

The control by A.L.P. councillors of the Altona council has been broken.

For most of the shire's life A.L.P. councillors have had the charge of its administration.

During the period the shire has made outstanding progress. The council's capital assets and the shire amenities and services are noteworthy.

The cost has been great. But until recently the council has been given explicit and implied approval by ratepayers.

Now, in four successive elections (albeit in less than two years) ratepayers have voted strongly against A.L.P. candidates.

The recent rate increase and its wider implications were factors (but probably not the only ones) causing this change.

It must now be accepted that ratepayers require something more than A.L.P. affiliation from Altona council candidates.

The fullest consideration of the election result will be given by both the A.L.P. and the Ratepayer councillors.

The A.L.P. councillors are no longer ipso facto part of the collective control of the council. They must now work as individuals and in that will be their strength. Their ideals and experience can be of great value to the council and could help to restore the A.L.P. image.

The Ratepayer councillors have also ideals and a programme. Above all they must show themselves as being positive. Each must be expected to advise on steps to advance Altona.

They are not expected to be an alternate administration to the A.L.P. control but to embrace wisdom wherever it can be found.

Whatever their views of last Saturday's election as the culmination of the recent trend, each of the nine councillors, to justify himself, must examine all proposals objectively without reference to their origin and vote with one criterion — The Best Interest of Altona.



ALTONA WORKING MEN'S CLUB

COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 —

CHRISTMAS PARTY DANCE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31:

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

NEWS FROM THE LADY BOWLERS

Father Christmas distributed presents to the children at the Altona Bowling Club's Christmas social last Saturday night.

Senior vice-president of the Ladies Club, Mrs. Phyl Stephens, also played the hole of "Father Christmas" or maybe "Mother Christmas" when on behalf of her fellow lady bowlers she handed a cheque for \$600 to Club President, Mr. Tom Burke.

The singing of Christmas songs was led by Flo McDonald.

The night proved to be another happy evening and capped a successful year for the social committee whose efforts are appreciated by members.

The ladies offer their congratulations to Don Siphthorp, Bob, Don and George Russell, the successful triple who won night competition for the Golden Bowl trophy.

This most successful tournament conducted over several nights was a triumph for organisers, Austin Malloy and the games committee.

The ladies excelled themselves with the catering and are to be congratulated for the numbers who assisted with this chore, and also the number of members who attended as spectators on the final night.

Last Tuesday was the annual Christmas luncheon at which the ladies entertained members of opposing pennant teams.

Always, a happy day members really had the Christmas spirit on this day.

Pennant players will be pleased to learn their fellow player, Ruby Fisher, has her leg out of plaster, and will soon be back on the green.

A patient in Altona Hospital is Bess Neale who is now progressing well.

Hard working and efficient secretary Esme Martin is not letting a broken toe stop her from carrying out her duties. Although in pain she is carrying on with her work.

Play is progressing in the club championship and one of the finalists has been decided — Carmen Ford will be a contender for the title.

Assistant secretary Mrs. Queenie Cox has through ill health been forced to tender her resignation. Nominations are required for a new assistant secretary and may be lodged with secretary, Esme Martin.

A new comer to the Altona club, only joined this month, has started off in a winning way. He is Mr. M. Drynnan of the RAAF who carried off the main prize in the ladies Christmas stocking and hamper special effort. Edna Evers came second and D. Mout of Footscray Park Club third.

At the close of this last report for 1967, the President of the Ladies Club, Mrs. Isla Probert, all members A Happy Christmas and a Bright New Year.

Electrical Agreement to Continue

The shire council plans to continue its arrangement with Williamstown council which supplies electricity to a number of homes in Altona.

The council plans to enter another five-year agreement on the supply.

It needs the approval of the Governor-in-Council.

Williamstown City supplies electricity to 11 householders in Hobson Street, 4 householders in Abbeygate Street, 9 householders in Prentice Street, and 15 householders in Blenheim Road.

Street lighting is also serviced by Williamstown City in these streets and the Council, of course, makes payment to Williamstown.

ST. MARY'S LITTLE ATHLETICS

Seventeen wins for St. Mary's in the last meet for this year at the Williamstown Little Athletics Centre.

Competition will again commence, Saturday, February 3rd, 1968.

Special mention this week for V. Abfalter. A good run in the 200 metres.

Other winners were:—

Girls 100 Mtrs. \$ S. Dillon, C. Williams, H. Arnold.

Girls 50 Mtrs. — H. Arnold.

Boys 100 Mtrs. — M. Puhar, F. Broadley, B. Burnett, S. Faulds, S. Penfold.

Boys 200 Mtrs. — R. Magnabosco, V. Abfalter, S. Williams, W. Gilpin, S. Faulds, B. Burnett, M. Puhar, R. Penfold.

Christmas Services at St. Eanswythe's

Sunday, December 17, 7 p.m. The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight.

Sunday December 24 — NO EVENSING THIS NIGHT (8.00 and 9.30 services as usual). 11.30 p.m.: First Communion of Christmas and Blessing of the Crib.

Monday, December 25 — 8.00: Holy Communion. 9.30: Holy Communion. 11.00: Holy Communion (Altona Host).

Tuesday December 26: St. Stephen's Day Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.

Wednesday December 27: St. John the Evangelist's Day Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.

Thursday, December 28: The Holy Innocents Day Holy Communion 8.00 a.m.

The mid-week Holy Communion services apart from Holy Days will be suspended from Christmas until the first week in February.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. LUKE'S

St. Luke's Church of England, Altona North, will have Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. on Christmas Eve.

The Midnight Mass of Christmas will begin with carols at 11.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. There will also be Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. on Christmas Day.

The Church has an Empty Christmas Tree on which parishioners are invited to place money for needy children overseas through Inter-Church Aid, and books, and new or good secondhand sporting equipment for children in institutions.

Holiday Times For Presbyterians

From the 24th December until the 28th January, one morning service only at 9.15 a.m. will be held in the Church in Civic Parade.

Beginning on the 4th February, resumption of the 9.15 and 10.30 a.m. services will take place and the following week, 11th February, the Young Church classes for children will commence for 1968.

On Christmas Day one service will be held at 8 a.m. and will take the form of a Family Service.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

PLEASE NOTE: NO ISSUES OF THE "ALTONA STAR" ON DECEMBER 28 AND JANUARY 4.

First issue in the New Year will be January 11. Copy for the first issue may be left at the office from January 4.

Church Notices



BAPTIST

Sargood Street, Altona.

Cordially welcomes you to all meetings.

Services: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Communion: First Sunday morning and Third Sunday evening.

11.30 a.m.: Junior Christian Endeavour.

2.30 p.m.: Intermediate Christian Endeavour.

7 p.m.: Evening Service.

Minister—Pastor B. J. Reynolds, 62 Blyth Street, Altona.

Telephone: 65-8829.

CATHOLIC

St. Mary's

Confessions.

Railway Street, Altona.

Masses.

Sundays: 7.30, 9 and 10.30 a.m.

Holy Days: 7, 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

First Fridays: 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Saturdays: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Eve of Holy Days: 7 p.m.

Eve of First Fridays: 7 p.m.

First Friday (Maltese): 7 and 5.30 p.m.

Rev. Father J. Nooney, P.P.

Rev. Father M. Kelleher.

Father V. Rubeo.

St. Mary's Presbytery, Railway Street, Altona. Telephone 65-8964.

St. Joseph's Convent, Sargood Street, Altona. Telephone 65-8888.

Queen of Peace

Laverton.

Masses.

Sundays: 7.30, 9.30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m. and 6.15 p.m.

First Fridays: 6.15 p.m.

Week Days: Thursdays, 11 a.m. Saturdays, 8 a.m.

Confessions.

Eve of Holy Days: 7 p.m.

Eve of First Fridays: 7 p.m.

Saturdays: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

St. Leo's

Corner Mason Street and Fourth Avenue, Altona North.

Masses.

Sunday: 7.30, 9, 10, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Confessions.

Saturday: 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Rev. Father J. Kierce, PP, Rev. Father M. Sultana, St. Leo's Presbytery, 315 Mason-st., Altona North. Telephone: 391-3219.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

St. Eanswythe's Queen Street, Altona.

VICAR—The Rev. John Lawley. The Vicarage, 7 Bent Street, Altona. Telephone: 398-1005.

Sunday Services.

8 a.m.: Holy Communion.

9.30 a.m.: Holy Communion (first, third and fifth Sundays).

Matins (second and fourth Sundays).

7 p.m.: Evensong.

Sunday School.

Sundays at 9.30 a.m.

ST. EANSWYTHE'S PRAYERS FOR THE LATE PRIME MINISTER

Anglicans of Altona are informed that at the 6.30 a.m. Holy Communion service next Friday said commending the late December 22, prayers will be Prime Minister into the care of Almighty God, and asking for strength and faith in their mourning for his family.

St. Luke's CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Cnr. Blackshaws and Millers Road, Altona North.

Holy Eucharist.

Sunday, 9.30 a.m.

VICAR—The Rev. D. Townsend.

300 Blackshaws Road, Altona North. Telephone 391-3096.

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METHODIST

Seves Street, Altona.

Sunday.

Sunday School: 9.45 a.m.

11 a.m. and 7 p.m.: Divine Worship.

Cnr. Marion Street and Sixth Avenue, Altona North.

Sunday.

11 a.m.: Divine Worship.

MINISTER—Rev. John C. Adamthwaite, 109 Queen Street, Altona. Telephone: 398-1765.

Goble Street, Laverton.

(Held in Church of England Hall, Goble Street, Laverton.)

3 p.m.: Divine Worship.

MINISTER—Rev. A. D. McGregor, 61 Synott Street, Werribee. Telephone: Werribee 11.

PRESBYTERIAN

241 Civic Parade, Altona.

Sunday Services.

9.15 a.m.: Morning Service.

MINISTER—Rev. John Hayes.

The Manse, 9 Lindwood Avenue, Altona. Telephone: 398-1591.

9 Paringa Road, Altona North.

11 a.m.: Worship Service.

League of Young Workers.

per share in the Worship from 11 to 11.30 a.m.

MINISTER—Mr. W. A'Dra.

The Manse, 11 Paringa Road, Altona North. Telephone 314-5179.

SALVATION ARMY

Queen Street, Altona.

Civic Parade, Altona.

Sunday.

8.30 a.m.: Prayer Meeting.

9.30 a.m.: Sunday School.

Combined Sunday School at Queen Street Hall (Primary and Junior).

Sunday.

11 a.m.: Holiness Meeting.

Queen Street Hall.

7 p.m.: Salvation Meeting.

Queen Street Hall.

Tuesday.

2 p.m.: Bible Study Class.

Wednesday.

3.30 p.m.: Children's O.

(Civic Parade Hall).

Thursday.

2 p.m.: Women's Home League.

Captain Ada E. Warhurst, telephone 398-1750.

St. Clement's

Goble Street, Laverton.

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Parish Eucharist.

First Sunday in the month.

Family Service.

VICAR—Rev. Eric Weber.

Thomas' Church Werribee.



The Social Whirl

If you have any news of a birthday, engagement, wedding, or social event, it can be included in these pages. Phone 65-8277—there is no charge.

MISS VICTORIA MEETS CAST OF "CINDERELLA"



Photo by Roper Studios—68-2551.

Miss Victoria, Miss Dianne Gunn, of Williamstown, visited Altona Drama Group's production of the pantomime, "Cinderella," at the Civic Hall on Monday night. The cast played to packed houses on the two nights it was presented—Monday and Tuesday. Talking to Miss Gunn in the photograph above are "Prince Charming" (Pat Nevitt) in the centre, and "Cinderella" (Linda Bradley) on the left.

SAPPHIRE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Sons, daughters, grandchildren and friends went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Allen of Wattle Grove, Seaholme, to join with them in celebrating the 45th anniversary of their wedding.

The Allen's also have a fourth generation descendant—their first great grand child.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

The marriage of Frances Irene Chapman, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Chapman, Sevens, Altona, with David Lindsay Hunter, of 219 Queen-st., Altona, will be celebrated on December 21, 1967, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Cecil-st., Williamstown, at 5 p.m.

Nursing Bursary For Local Girl

Fifteen-year-old Kay Deegan, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Deegan, of Webb-st., Altona, has been awarded a Repatriation Nursing Bursary for 1968. It is valued at \$156. Kay, a student at Altona High School, will be in Form 5 next year. Later, when she turns 17, she will undertake nursing training at the Repatriation General Hospital, Heidelberg.

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WISELY-GRIFFITHS MARRIAGE



Photo by Barry Sutton—397-6017.

With confetti still clinging to them, newlyweds Joan and John Wisely, toast each other at the reception which followed their marriage on Dec. 9 at St. Eanswythe's Church of England, Altona.

Rev. John Lawley officiated.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Griffiths, of Seaholme-ave., Seaholme.

As Miss Chemical Industry she was an entrant in the 1963 Miss Victoria Quest.

The bridegroom's parents live at Taree, Mitchell's Island, NSW.

A caftan gown in Swiss cotton shantung, trimmed with guipure lace was worn by the bride and a guipure lace pillbox held her veil in place.

For something old she wore a gold locket belonging to her grandmother, Mrs. B. Felding. She also carried a white prayer book her mother had carried at her wedding.

Matron of Honour, Mrs. Elaine Sutton, wore an A-line frock of

lemon shantung and carried lemon roses.

Dressed in a similar frock was the tiny flowergirl, Linda Narr.

The lemon ribbons on the bridal car matched the attendants' frocks.

The bride's nephew, David Griffiths, was page boy.

Best man was the bride's brother, Mr. David Griffiths.

A blue crimplene ensemble and white accessories was worn by the bride's mother.

At the reception, cablegrams were read out from NSW, Hong Kong, Canada, and England.

A pink ensemble with navy accessories was worn by the bride when she and her husband left to motor to Queensland for their honeymoon.

Silver Wedding Celebrated

All the original wedding group were among the 60 relatives and friends who gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Richards of Romawi Street, Altona, on December 9 to celebrate the couple's 25th wedding anniversary.

They were married at the Altona Baptist Church on December 12, 1942.

Best Man from the 1942 wedding, Mr. Stan Roper of Highett, proposed the toast.

Bridesmaid in the group, Mrs. H. Stonehouse, came from Geelong to attend the party.

Her gift to the couple was a two-tiered silver wedding anniversary cake.

She brought along with her a cutting describing the wedding and taken from the Terang Express of 25 years ago. Mrs. Richards came from Terang.

Also among the guests were Mrs. Richards' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Richards, of Romawi Street, and friends from Rochester.

A number of cards were received and telegrams came from friends in Tasmania.

GALA NIGHT AT THE ELDERLY CITIZENS

Members of the Altona Elderly Citizens Club will be celebrating Christmas and the New Year with special functions at the club in Sargood Street.

A gala dance night will commence at 8 p.m. next Saturday, December 23. Entry will cost 30 cents.

New Years Eve festivities will have a later start—8.30 p.m. Members are asked to bring along some "eats" towards a special supper.

The doll and wardrobe raffled by the club has been drawn.

Winner is Mrs. Girde, 98 Railway Street, Altona, (ticket No. 1681). Second prize went to Janine H., 37 Myrtle Grove, Altona, (ticket No. 40).

Six Weeks in West Australia

Home again and looking extremely well after six weeks in Perth is Mrs. Myrtle Rosling of Civic Parade, Altona.

With friends she motored the whole way across the continent but said once by car across the Nullabor Plains is enough.

On the way home the travellers and their car crossed the Plains by train.

From Adelaide they motored up through the Barossa Valley and on to Mildura before crossing down to Melbourne.

This was Mrs. Rosling's first visit to Western Australia where she met many of her husband's relatives for the first time.

She said it was a wonderful and crowded six weeks as she was continually taken sight-seeing.

Seaholme Kinder Christmas Party

The sweet singing of the children was a delight to parents who attended the children's Christmas party at Seaholme Kindergarten last Thursday morning.

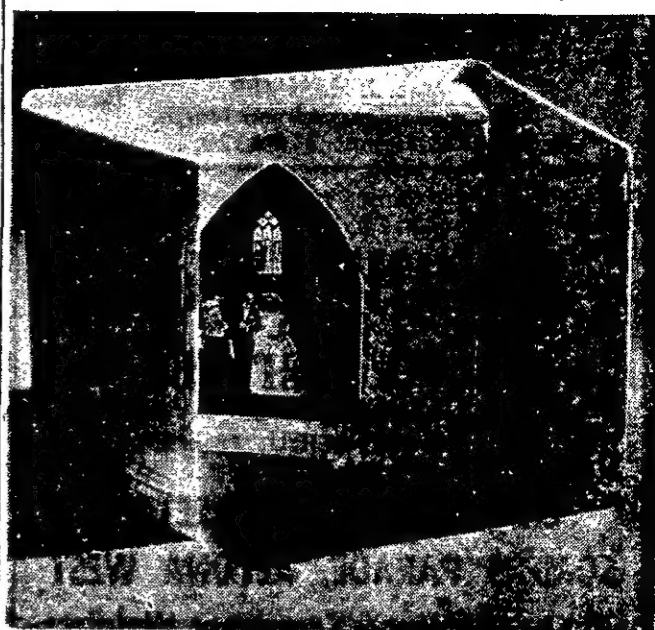
The youngsters presented the Christmas play "Ten Little Angels."

Mothers are grateful to the director Mrs. Taylor and her assistant Mrs. W. Inglis for their efforts and patience in teaching the children and for giving the children the opportunity to act the play.

At the end of the party a Christmas hamper special effort was finalised.

First was Mrs. Dyer, Prince Street, North Essendon; second Mrs. Thompson, Cambridge Street, Seaholme; and third Mrs. Stewart, Stirling Avenue, Seaholme.

Mothers are thanked for supporting this effort.



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Resident Challenges Council Plan

A Seaholme-ave. resident has challenged a plan to fence Kim Reserve and charge the public a fee to attend sporting matches there.

Mr. Con York, of 10 Seaholme-ave., says the land was donated by the British Migrants Welfare Association and the British Migrants Building Co.

Under the original deeds, he says, the land was to be only used for recreation and not for commercial purposes.

The council received the letter at its meeting last week.

It then voted to send the letter to its parks, foreshores and properties committee for investigation.

The committee will report to the council, and the council may act on its findings.

The "Altona Star" of November 23 reported that the shire council had decided in principle to fence Kim Reserve.

The move to fence the reserve was made by the Altona Soccer Club which also wants to improve the dressing sheds and yarking facilities, clear the area of rocks and stones, and erect "No Parking" signs in Millers-rd. adjacent to the reserve.

The club wants the council to pay for the fencing. It would cost, on the club's estimation, \$1300.

The club said it was willing to lend the council an interest free loan of \$2000 to erect the fence.

The club said it has been promoted to Division 1, but before it can be admitted it had to have a playing field fenced with an 8ft. high fence.

It wanted the council to pay for the fence.

The \$2000 loan would be interest free for one year, the club said.

But Mr. Con York has told the

council that it should get legal advice before it went ahead with any such plans.

He wrote to the council—

"I should like this letter to go before the council for their observations. A newspaper report states that permission has been given to build a fence around Kim Reserve recreation ground and permission or an application is to be made to build a 'stand' for soccer fans. It suggests that a fee will be charged.

"I would suggest that the council obtain legal advice in this matter because it was stated in the original terms of the deeds for this land (i.e., Kim and McIntosh Reserves) that the land be for recreational purposes only. The land as you know with the McIntosh Reserve was donated by the British Migrants Welfare Association and the British Migrants Building Co.

"Both these bodies, which comprised of many residents, British migrants were given to understand that this land aforementioned could not be taken over for commercial purposes, and I feel that a precedent might be set if these grounds are hired out for professional games or sports.

"Mr. Cedric Ralph, solicitor of Bourke-st., I believe, is aware of this position and drew up the original agreement in 1952-53 with D. Skeats and C. Newman, of Werribee Shire Council."

ALTONA TEACHER FOR MALAYSIA

A young teacher from Altona will travel to Malaysia in January to serve a term overseas with the Overseas Service Bureau.

He is Mr. Raymond F. Price, 23, of 38 Civic Parade, Seaholme.

Mr. Price is a science graduate and will teach in Malaysia by arrangement with Malaysian Ministry of Education.

As a volunteer under the bureau's scheme to help overseas countries, he will receive much less payment than he would if he taught in Australia.

A school-teacher from St. Albans, Miss Rosemary T. Keegan, 22, of Erica Ave., will teach in Malaysia by arrangement with that country's Minister of Education. Miss Keegan is a bachelor of arts, having graduated with honours.

They are away in January, and 50 others will continue their assignments.

1968 consequently is the largest contingent of OSB workers abroad to date. They include primary and secondary school teachers, nurses, tradesmen and graduates.

AVA is organised by the OSB, a community organisation established in 1961 to encourage Australians to work in Asia, Africa and the Pacific.

The bureau is sponsored by more than 100 organisations, including Apex, Community Aid Abroad, Junior Chamber, National Youth Council, Australian Council of Churches and Australian Catholic Relief.

Since November, 1965, the Commonwealth Government has provided financial assistance to aid the service.

ALTONA NORTH C.E.B.S. AWARDS

At the Parents and Friends Night last Friday the District Commissioner, Mr. F. Dearing, presented the awards for 1967 for St. Luke's, Altona North, Church of England Boys' Society.

Best Page (junior boy), Gordon Ross. Runner-up, Peter Miller. Most improved boy, Mirko Lazarescu. Best boy in the Branch, Brian Davidson. Churchmans Cross, Michael Rowe.

A presentation was also made to Mr. J. Cookson, who retired from the position of Deputy Branch Leader.

1st Altona Scouts Visit Anglesea

On Sunday, December 17, 16 Cubs, 20 Scouts, 2 Seniors and 6 Scouters of 1st Altona had a day at the Anglesea Scout Camp which included swimming in the surf in the morning, followed by dinner and the Going-up Ceremony in the afternoon.

Those who went up were:

Alan Howie, Robert McCauley, Greg Briscoe, Ross Bawden.

The following Badges were presented:

Alan Howie: Leaping Wolf and First Aid.

Greg Briscoe: Leaping Wolf and House Orderly.

Robert McCauley: Leaping Wolf and First Aid.

Nigel Mason: Sportsman.

A Treasure Hunt for the Cubs and Trail for Scouts followed to end a most enjoyable day.

JAMBOREE

Parents and boys are advised that 1st Altona will meet at Spencer Street by the Diesel Model at the entrance no later than 5 p.m., on Sunday, 24th December.

Should you not be able to catch the train or will be late please ring Mr. J. H. Whitem — 53 2753. Scouts will be in Car 8 with the G.S.M. and seniors in Car 7.

The 1st Altona Scout Group would like to extend the compliments of the Season to all Cubs, Scouts, Parents and all those kind people who have in the past year assisted us in any way.

BEACH CLEAN

The Beach Clean is now in operation, and it would be appreciated if all boys and parents who visit the beach during the holidays would clean our section for a short time, and let me know after the holidays.

— J. MASON, GSM

Christmas Message from A. W. Knight



The message of Christmas is the greatest message of them all — and wherever Christmas is celebrated in the world, men and women look upward with hearts of hope, that there is still goodness in mankind. Christmas in Australia is an occasion which brings together the families which may have been scattered over our great continent; it is an occasion of joyous celebration, a time when we are apt to forget the full and real purpose of this great occasion.

To most of us it means a patterned feast which we annually take part in, some going away on holidays after the feast has been partaken of.

Recently I read a poem and the last verse of that poem, I thought, carried the full meaning of Christmas. It read as follows:

"For Christ is laid upon the hay,
And love is borne on Christmas Day."

These words are simple, yet carry to me a wonderful message. It gives the full effect of saying we should 'Love thy Neighbour' as we have been taught. What a glorious thing it would be if we put into effect these meanings.

I believe this is what we should try to strive for, so our troubled world is put to rest, worry, and so that the suffering and hungry peoples are cared for — let peace prevail in all our hearts at all times. To the sick, may they have a speedy recovery; to the needy may their fountain run over to the suffering may they be consoled.

Finally, my wife, family and myself wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas Greetings from Cr. Bon Thomas



To the citizens of the City of Sunshine the mayoress and I extend greetings at this Christmas season and express the hope that for you all it may be a merry one — one full of joy.

Our prayer is that the spirit of Christmas may live through the year, that it may be translated into peace on earth and goodwill among men of goodwill.

BON THOMAS

Altona Pedal Club Notes

On behalf of the Altona Pedal Club committee I would like to thank all the people who have helped us during the year financially.

The parents who have helped us with transport to and from Rallies.

Congratulations to Carol being Champion girl and Wayne for being Champion boy.

Congrats to all the other members as they have all tried and have done a good year riding.

New committee for 1968 as follows:—

Mrs. Sorrell, President; Mrs. Beben, Secretary; Mrs. R. Treasurer.

Results Xmas Hamper Special Effort, 1st: Yellow D95; 2nd: Pink F26; 3rd: Orange B35.

Silver Pedal Results —

December 9: 47, 10, 70
December 16: 48, 81,

Correspondents' Views

THANKS FROM Mr. WEAVER

Dear Sir,
Through your paper I would like to thank the ratepayers of Altona for the votes I received on Saturday last.
The ratepayers have once again recorded that they expect their councillors to serve the people, not the party. I would like to remind the people of Altona that I will endeavour to represent the voice of the ratepayers at the council table at all times, and in order to do this I ask that more Altona citizens take an active part in council affairs.
I shall be looking forward to worthy suggestions from them. I would also like to thank all those who assisted me in my campaign.
In conclusion, as the ratepayers' representative in council, I will do my best to join with the other eight councillors to make Altona a better place to live and work.
Yours faithfully,
HARRY WEAVER.

Mr. HARRISON'S THANKS

Dear Sir,
Once again an election has been held and fought in Altona and in this case my opponent as Ratepayer Candidate has been successful.
My point in writing is to express my condolences to supporters of the Labor Party who on this occasion were kind enough to support me. It is also my wish to express an appreciation of the effort put forward by many members of the Labor Party who worked tirelessly on my behalf as they have done on many occasions in the past for others.
Yours faithfully,
ROBERT HARRISON.

STUDENTS THANK PEOPLE

Dear Sir,
I would like to thank, through the columns of your paper, all those people who helped make our recent tour of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory so successful.
In particular I would like to thank the RSL for their extremely generous help.
Yours sincerely,
JIM SARROS, on behalf of the 34 boys, Altona High School.

ALP CREED DOGMATIC

Dear Sir,
My paper published in the "Star" on December 7 was not intended to start a controversy, but in view of the replies published on December 14 and the manner in which my name was used I would beg space to reply briefly.
I have always expressed my opposition to party politics in council affairs and my views have been amply confirmed by majority of the electors of Altona.
It would appear that your correspondents, G. C. Cresser, Vera Wells and G. F. Stirling all subscribe to an outdated, dogmatic creed which may have led some small measure of merit when expounded many generations ago and that is that the voters are of small intelligence and should do as directed. Nowadays the electors will take a lot but eventually the worms and at the last three elections have shown that they will be pushed around or have regone conclusions arrived at behind caucus doors foisted on them any longer.
A prime example of thinking some people was shown in the illegal card distributed at Saturday's election. I would have no idea who was responsible, but it was obviously not a supporter of the Independent candidate. This card would not have fooled a nine-years-old child and in fact I saw it lose votes for the candidate it professed to support.
Finally I desire to extend my congratulations to Mr. Weaver and trust he has many years of service to the community.
It was my pleasure to witness the swearing in ceremony of Mr. Weaver which, however, was somewhat marred by the rather summary manner in which it was closed by the shire president, Cr. Lee, thus preventing other councillors from officially welcoming Cr. Weaver in the council chamber.
Yours faithfully,
A. E. MILDENHALL.

DLP A POWERFUL DEMON?

Dear Sir,
So Mr. Stirling and Mr. Harrison failed in their election eve attempt to convince the ratepayers of a mythical DLP-Independent opposition.
The DLP must be the most powerful demon in Labor Mythology. It evidently has Mr. Stirling looking under the bed each night, or, like Goebell's of 30 years ago, he believes that if a lie is told often enough it will be believed.
It is to be regretted that calculated lies made on the eve of an election are not indictable offences.
Mr. Stirling and Mr. Harrison, who lent his support to this contemptible misrepresentation, will discover that such actions are apt to boomerang and do little credit to themselves.
The last minute card advising Ratepayer Voters to vote Harrison and keep rates down is the ultimate in hypocrisy and misrepresentation, since it was the Labor councillors who rose the rate by 35%.
Can one ask for more convincing proof of the degrading influence of politics in municipal affairs?
On can understand Shylock when he said: "The villainy you teach me I will execute, and it shall go hard but I will better the instruction."
Yours faithfully,
H. V. JEAVONS.

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"A CLASSIC EXAMPLE"

Dear Sir,
On Monday evening, December 18, an extraordinary council meeting of the Altona Shire Council was held for the swearing in ceremony for the newly-elected councillor, Cr. Weaver.
At the conclusion of the brief ceremony, Cr. Lee equally briefly welcomed Cr. Weaver and apologised as usual for the non-appearance at this stage of Cr. Ginfier.
Cr. Weaver replied, Cr. Lee then invited the defeated candidate, Mr. R. Harrison, to speak.
Was this necessary? He had been invited to speak at the declaration of the poll on Saturday night. Surely that was sufficient.
Immediately afterwards Cr. Lee abruptly closed the meeting, thus denying the other councillors an opportunity to welcome their newly-elected colleague.
Cr. Burns rose to protest, but was informed the meeting was closed.
Cr. Lee's action should go down in history as a classic example of rudeness, to the councillors and the ratepayers who elected them.
The brief meeting, which was scheduled to last half an hour, was concluded in 12 or 13 minutes.
Yours faithfully,
MRS. A. DICKSON.

M.M.B.W. GRATEFUL

Dear Sir,
I would be pleased if you would afford me space to express the appreciation of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works to the public of Melbourne for reducing the water consumption during the past three months.
The Board is conscious that the water shortage has caused inconvenience and those homes that have been affected have made a tremendous contribution to the community's welfare. Without their water-saving efforts we would be in a serious situation. The Board sincerely thanks the citizens of Melbourne for their co-operation in bringing the water consumption under control.
The Board cannot promise relief from the current restrictions in the foreseeable future, certainly not until there are substantial falls of rain in the catchments, which may not occur until the winter. A survey of the catchments this week showed that they have never been in a drier state.
In normal years summer means a great drain on the water stores, particularly on days of high temperatures. This year we cannot afford to have high rises in consumption and the Board earnestly requests all sections of the community to keep a constant watch on their daily consumption.
With continued co-operation Melbourne can overcome the present difficult circumstances.
Yours faithfully,
ALAN H. CROXFORD,
Chairman, MMBW.

COUNCIL ASKED TO USE LESS WATER

The shire council has been asked to curtail works that would require a quantity of water during the water shortage.

The Board of Works water supply committee has asked the council if it would take action to complete any roadworks within the municipality which necessitate the use of water as soon as possible, and that no new roadworks which require water be commenced unless a supply of water therefore can be made available from a source other than the Board's system.

The Committee wrote to the council. "As regards the question of the Board prosecuting those persons who contravene the water restrictions, the Board is desirous of seeking your council's assistance in this connection."

Some of your officers frequently travel throughout the municipality, and the Board would be pleased if you would advise it if your council would be prepared to authorise any of its officers to act as inspectors for detecting breaches of the restrictions, and, if so, furnish particulars of such offences.

"In the even of your council being able to see its way clear to authorise any of its officers, then the suggested procedure would be as follows:—

- (1) The officer interview the person concerned to establish if a breach had occurred.
- (2) In those cases where the officer believed a breach had occurred, a short statement of the facts to be then forwarded to the Board.
- (3) The Board to issue proceedings and be responsible for the conduct of the prosecution.
- (4) The authorised officer to be available to give evidence at the Court.

The council has agreed that water for roading purposes be obtained from a source other than the Board of Works' system, and that officers would watch for breaches of restrictions could be. Inspectorial Staff, Health Inspectors and Building Inspectors together with Superintendent of Works, Superintendent of Parks and Gardens, and Traffic Inspector.

VOTING SIMILAR TO LAST ELECTION

Voting at last Saturday's Altona Shire Council election was on closely similar lines to the last August election.

Votes cast on Saturday were 24,987, as against 24,944 previously.

Nearly 10,000 votes were not recorded at both elections. In all booths Cr. Weaver led the poll and he received 57.2% of the valid votes cast. In August the Ratepayer candidate received 57.7%.

However, the voting in all the booths did not show a similar trend.

Cr. Weaver received an increased percentage of votes at the booths in the Altona West Primary School, Seaholme School, and Brooklyn West.

In other booths his percentage suffered.

Again there was a too high percentage of informal votes. At 3½% it was an improvement on the last election when informal were about 9%, but in view of the simplicity of the voting last Saturday it is actually not much more creditable.

The solid core of non-voters remains constant—at about 28% in spite of efforts made to influence the apparently uninterested residents eligible to vote.

Out of every 100 votes on the roll at both elections they were allotted as follows:—

	1967 Election	Aug. Dec.
A.L.P. group	26	29
A.L.P. cand. Harrison	37	37
Ratepayers cand.	39	39
Weaver	9	8
Informal	28	28
Non-voters	100	100

Commenting on the outcome of Saturday's election Mr. Jack Carroll, campaign director for the Ratepayers, said the Altona voters' realise party politics are not necessary and in fact are not desirable in local affairs.
Secretary of the Altona branch of the A.L.P., Mr. Gordon Stirling, said at this stage he does not wish to make a statement.

Mr. Treyvaud At Parliament House

Mr. G. H. L. Treyvaud, Head Master of Altona Primary School, represented Victorian primary schools at a luncheon at Parliament House yesterday with the Minister of Education, Mr. Lindsay Thompson, and the Director General of Education, Mr. F. R. Brookes.

At the luncheon were two representatives (a man and a woman) from each of three branches of education — high, technical and primary.

DOG CART STILL IN LAVERTON AREA

Unwanted dogs wandering the streets of Laverton are still being caught and taken away.

This in spite of the recent announcement that there would be no dog cart visiting Laverton for the next six months said Cr. Bruce Comben early this week.

He said that Werribee Shire Council employs a full time ranger, Mr. Robertson, who is permanently engaged in catching stray dogs in Laverton and Werribee.

The discussion at a recent council meeting centred around the engaging of the dog cart from North Melbourne.

Cr. Comben explained that the dog cart with two attendants was visiting Laverton once each week. It had been engaged because the dogs could immediately be taken to the North Melbourne Dogs Home.

However, this was proving to be a costly item to council and following many complaints from residents, Cr. Comben said it was decided to review the matter.

Residents' claimed' mainly pets which were generally docile and easily captured were being taken and the strays, which are a nuisance in Laverton, were being left to roam the streets.

It was costing \$4 to bail out the pets.

In view of the cost of the dog cart and the complaints Cr. Comben suggested the engaging of the men and cart from North Melbourne should be suspended for six months.

He said he feels Mr. Robertson, who is employed full time as dog catcher has ample time to patrol both Laverton and Werribee.

He suggested the catching of stray dogs should be left under Mr. Robertson's control.

Mr. Robertson visits Laverton daily and is familiar with the pets and knows the dogs which cause trouble in the district, said Cr. Comben.

Residents being troubled by strays or otherwise should contact one of the local councillors or ring the shire offices, advised Cr. Comben. He said the dog catcher will promptly attend to all complaints.

Mr. Antonoff Leaves Seaholme School

Seaholme Primary School Committee paid tribute last week to popular teacher, Mr. Bruce Antonoff, who leaves after 13 years on the staff, to take up an appointment at Altona West.

The celebration took the form of an informal barbecue at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Noordenne.

Another guest of honour at the party was Mrs. D. Broderick, who is also leaving Seaholme to go to Altona West.

Guests included the president of the school committee, Cr. W. L. J. Crofts, and Mrs. Crofts, head teacher Mr. G. Howard and Mrs. Howard, members of the teaching staff and mothers' club office-bearers.

WESTONA LITTLE ATHLETICS

The outstanding performance of the meeting last Saturday was the run in the boys under 100 metres by B. Dodd, this young athlete running 1/10th sec. faster than his previous record run of 14.8 sec. for the distance.

Two new names appeared in the list of winners this week — they were P. Blanchard and G. Nevitt.

Altogether the club had 14 doubles to B. Spence (boys) and winners for the day, including G. Rohleder (girls).

The list of winners for the day were:—
Girls Under 11, 50 and 100 mtrs. — G. Rohleder.
Boys under 9, 100 mtrs. — B. Spence.
Boys under 9, 400 mtrs. — B. Spence.

3rd. Altona Scouts and Cubs

Congratulations to the following boys on receiving their 1st year service star.

P. Jaeger, P. Rouhard, P. Horner.

Welcome to N. Heffernan, G. Moloney, who have just been invested, many happy years of cubbing boys.

House orderly badges have been awarded to A. Brererton and G. Colla.

Cubs colla up this week, and shall return on February 8.

Boys under 10, 100 mtrs. — J. Barrie, B. Dodd.
Boys under 10, 200 mtrs. — I. Laidlaw, P. Blanchard.
Boys under 11, 100 mtrs. — K. Herbert, L. Wershe.
Boys under 11, 200 mtrs. — P. Herbert.
Boys under 12, 100 mtrs. — G. Nevitt.

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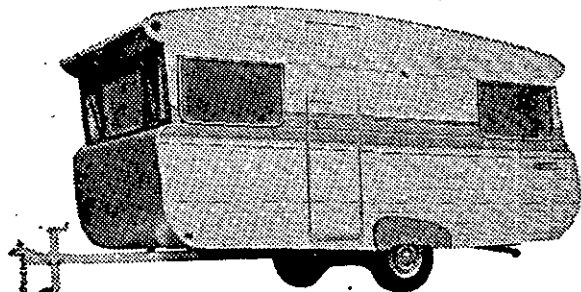
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Brooklyn Marching Girls Give Display

The Brooklyn Marching Girls gave a special Christmas Display at the Footscray Elderly Citizens' Dance last Saturday Night.

This took the form of an item of Christmas Carols sung by Diana Bradshaw, Julie Miles, Ingrid Gelder, and Gillian Carter.

Highlight of the evening was a large coloured box pulled into the centre of the hall by a Red-Nosed Gillan representing Rudolph and the Marching Girls' Mascot, David Carter, a smiling boy of 6, popped up out of the box dressed up as Santa Claus.

Following the box item, the Marching Girls Team of "Tulips" did a spectacular display with coloured torches.

On Monday night the girls had their break-up party and the following prizes were awarded:

Best Attendance:
 Juniors, Carol Soderstrom; Midgets, Diana Bradshaw.

Best dressed:
 Juniors, Heidi Satta; Midgets, Julie Miles.

The leader of the Midget Team the "Daffodils" Diana Bradshaw is going back to England early next year and we

CHRISTMAS EVE CAR TRIAL

Christmas Eve will begin with a car trial for members of St. Eanswythe's Youth Fellowship.

Beginning at 8 p.m. the participants will gather at the starting point at the Civic Offices car park next to the tennis courts.

Final checkpoint will be a get together for members of the Fellowship.

The 20c entry fee per person will go towards the Church building fund.

At 11.30 p.m. the group will attend the Christmas Eve Church Service which will continue at 12.30 a.m.

sincerely thank her for a good job well done and we wish her and her family a very pleasant voyage home.

Next Saturday, 23rd December, a street stall will be held in Pier Street, Altona, in the shopping area at 9 a.m. to raise funds for the girls to enter competitions next year and to visit Tasmania at Easter.

There are still vacancies in both teams at present and any girls between 6 and 15 wishing to join can contact Mr. J. or Mrs. E. Wilson, 31 Clarendon Parade, West Footscray, or ph: 314 5647.

SHIRE HALL RENT MAY BE LESS

The shire council plans to formulate a policy over reducing the hire charges for the shire hall when it is rented to local organisations that are trying to raise money.

The move follows the application from the Seaholme State School Mothers' Club.

The school mothers' club wrote: "I am writing to you on behalf of the Seaholme Mothers' Club. We are trying to raise money to pay for a much needed Library for our school."

"We have booked the Civic Hall for a Mannequin Parade on the 28th May, 1968. We are putting a lot of effort into this to raise as much money as we can, with as little expense possible, and was wondering if we could get a reduction in the price of the hire of the hall."

NEW 'WALES' MAN AT ALTONA



Mr. A. R. Hall, new Altona bank manager.

The Bank of New South Wales has appointed Mr. A. R. Hall as manager of the Altona branch to succeed Mr. J. F. Broadmore, who has been transferred to the Clayton management.

Mr. Hall has served in many branches of the "Wales," and has been manager of the East Bertleigh branch for the past two years.

An ex-serviceman, he served in an Armoured Division of the AIF for five years during World War II.

He is a keen bowler and has played pennant bowls with Carnegie Club for a number of years.

Mr. Hall is looking forward to meeting clients and new friends at Altona.

RECESS FOR GUIDES AND BROWNIES

Guides and Brownies have gone into recess until school re-opens in February next year.

However, the girls are reminded that Operation Beach-Clean for the 1967/68 season began on December 8, and they are responsible for the area between Rose and Webb Streets.

During the Christmas holidays the girls are asked to let their leaders know when they will be working on the beach.

A special effort from guides and brownies is required on Friday, December 29, Sunday, January 7, Tuesday, January 13 and Thursday, January 25 between 11 a.m. and 12 noon as radio station 3KZ will be operating from the beach.

Councillor's Son Home on Leave

Home on leave from the Royal Australian Navy is Vance Bond, only son of Cr. and Mrs. A. W. Bond, of Clematis-ave., Altona North.

Also holidaying with them is Chryl Duschka, a friend of Vance's from Western Australia.

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First of all thoroughly soak new pots in clean water and afterwards allow them to dry before using.

Old pots must be washed both inside and out before using

Pay attention to the drainage. Cover the hole in the bottom of the pot with a piece of broken pot placed concave side downwards and then fill up with smaller pieces of pot or bits of charcoal, to a suitable depth. Place a thin layer of fibrous loam or some leaf mould over this drainage material to prevent any of the fine soil working downwards and clogging, thus preventing the free passage of water.

The potting compost must not be too dry or too wet.

Soft wooded plants and those of rapid growth do not require firm potting. Hard-wooded plants and those of slow growth, usually possessing strong, wire-like roots, require firm potting.

Do not overpot delicate plants and tubers starting into growth. Give two or three moves into larger pots during the growing period. A great many plants prefer a limited root space, and bloom more freely when so confined.

Water carefully after repotting. A watering can fitted with a fine rose will prove most satisfactory for this purpose.

Do not overfill a pot with soil. Leave at least from one-half to one inch of space from the top as a holding for water.

When planting place the main stem of the plant in the centre of the pot and perpendicular to the surface of the soil, irrespective of any irregularities of branching, form of heads, etc.

Never stand plants in saucers of water, except in the case of semi-aquatic plants and rank-growing species.

Wherever possible allow free access of air to the hole at the bottom of the pot by placing it free of the staging.

Spring is the best time for potting most plants as the majority then show signs of new growth.

When water is given to pot plants, it should be in sufficient quantity to moisten the whole of the soil and to drip from the bottom of the pot.

Light waterings are especially dangerous as while the surface is kept moist, the roots may be injuriously dry.

As a general rule remember that the sun should not shine on wet leaves, therefore, the evening is the best time to water, as the rays of sunshine are less powerful.

Baseball Secretary Victorian Manager

Members of Newport Baseball Club wish to congratulate their secretary, Mr. Bob Anderson, on his appointment as manager of the Victorian team to represent the State in the Chrysler Cup Series to be played in Adelaide from December 27 to December 30.

Bob, a very able and efficient administrator, has been secretary of the Newport Club for several years and it is pleasing that the Victorian Baseball Association has seen fit to recognise his services and the Newport Club with this honour.

He has also been appointed temporary chairman of the VBA Summer Committee in place of Tom Wignall, a former Newport player and resident, who is absent on leave.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Last Sunday saw the completion of the seventh round of matches in the Summer Competition.

The A TEAM received a walk-over from Caulfield, and only a practice game was played.

B TEAM met top side Oakleigh away and lost 11-5 after leading 3-0 for six innings.

Terry Forrester pitched and dominated the game with his fast deliveries and curves. Oakleigh were never a danger at any stage of the first six innings.

Then in the seventh Newport's defence fell to pieces and allowed Oakleigh to score four runs.

The same thing happened in the eighth when simple put outs by Newport were turned into errors and Oakleigh scored five runs to lead 9-3.

Newport can only blame poor fielding in the latter stages of this game for turning what appeared to be a winning break into a loss.

With seven games to go this team has the job in front to make the four.

SAFE HITS: Harry Bunting 1, Peter Campbell 1, Terry Forrester 1 and Ray Scott 1.

NEXT GAMES

Baseball resumes again on January 21.

A TEAM play Collingwood away at 2 p.m.

B TEAM meet Malvern at J. T. Gray Reserve, Kororoit Creek-rd., Williamstown, at 12-30 p.m.

CAMERA CLUB TO MEET FRIDAY

The faults and merits of members' colour slides were humbly debated at the Altona Camera Club last Friday night, much to the enjoyment of those present.

As the night was such a success it is planned to continue the discussion next Friday, December 22, with a fresh supply of slides and also some movies.

Holidays are just around the corner now, so get busy with that camera and put into practice the information gained from the club gatherings throughout the past year. It is anticipated that a flood of black and white prints and colour slides will appear in the new year.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to wish members a joyous Christmas and a happy new year and hope to see everyone at the club-room on January 12, 1968.

COPY DEADLINE FOR "STAR"

To ensure publication copy for insertion in the "Altona Star" must be received not later than 3 p.m. each Monday.

Copy received later will be published as circumstances permit.

Display advertising will be received up to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and classified advertisements close at 5 p.m. Tuesdays.

BLOOD BANK TO VISIT ALTONA

The Red Cross Blood Bank will open at the Civic Hall on Tuesday, January 9.

It will be an opportunity for people to do a good deed for the community and themselves by giving their blood.

The blood is used to help save people's lives.

Hospitals need enormous amounts of blood when fighting to save the lives of many people—especially accident victims.

The Red Cross mobile unit team will arrive at 9 a.m. and commence collecting blood donations from 9.45 a.m. to 11.30 a.m., and then from 1 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.

They will be ready to leave by 4.30 or 5 p.m.

On the first visit the Red Cross collected 31 pints of blood and on the second, brought back 40 pints, so it is hoped that the regular donor panel at Altona will gradually build up enough to make the visits really worthwhile.

Inquiries are invited at the city headquarters at 114 Flinders-st., Melbourne (telephone 63-5661).

WERRIBEE, TOO

The Mobile Unit will also be at the Werribee Centenary Hall on Thursday, December 21, from 2 to 4.30 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

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Altona High Presentation Day

The annual presentation day of the Altona High School took place last week before a good attendance of parents.

Among the guests were Cr. A. W. Knight, MLC, and Mrs. Knight; Cr. J. J. Ginifer, MLA; Cr. D. K. Grant and Mrs. Grant; shire secretary, Mr. J. W. Waters; Revs. John Lawley, John Haysey and John C. Adamthwaite.

The head master's report and the presentation of awards were of course the first purpose of the gathering.

An address by Professor V. D. Hopper, Professor of Physics and Dean of University Studies at the RAAF Academy, Point Cook, was received with pleasurable interest—he was one of the best guest speakers heard at a school function.

Items by the students—the Gilbert and Sullivan group, the school choir and the girl gymnasts complemented a successful afternoon.

HEAD MASTER'S REPORT

In the ninth annual report of Altona High School, the head master, Mr. L. L. Treacey, remarked on the many tasks performed by a number of staff and the various responsibilities they had accepted in addition to their teaching duties.

He said he appreciated this capable assistance and the loyalty, support and co-operation throughout the year of all members of the teaching staff.

Mr. Treacey particularly made mention of the excellent attendance record of teachers. In comparison with other schools this was very high. He deemed it even more significant when it is considered that a number of the staff live on the other side of the city.

With very few exceptions the students have conducted themselves in a responsible and co-operative manner through the year, said Mr. Treacey.

He added that a fine corporate spirit has been noticeable at inter-school gatherings when the students by their general demeanour were a credit to the school.

Mr. Treacey reported that much work was put into the future development of the library during this year.

Books and equipment to the value of more than \$2370 have been purchased since the beginning of first term.

First step towards the erection of an assembly hall have been taken by the Advisory Council, said Mr. Treacey.

He expressed the wish that the support of past and present students and of the citizens of Altona will soon make this project a reality.

Mr. Treacey concluded by thanking the staff and students during the year he has spent for their friendly co-operation at Altona High School.

"HOW I BECAME A SCIENTIST"

Professor Hopper's remarks were humorous, practical, informative and encouraging and in such a fashion as to hold every listener.

His theme was: "How I became a scientist."

He spoke of the inspiration of his parents who sacrificed much for him. His father who left school at 14, was able, through his reading of books on philosophy and science to transfer some of his spirit to him.

Professor Hopper said he was an average school boy in Wales until in his first year of chemistry he gained top marks (influenced, he thinks, by his ability to produce a good drawing of a Bunsen burner). Then he had to work hard to keep up his reputation.

At 15 he left school and following his brothers migrated to Australia with thoughts of becoming a farmer. After 12 months on a farm at Echuca and on the arrival in Australia of his parents he decided to go back to school at Horsham High.

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A Report on Air Pollution

Following are extracts from a talk by Dr. Werner Strauss, reader in industrial science, Melbourne University, at the December quarterly meeting of the Clean Air Society of Australia and New Zealand (Victoria branch).

The pollution of the air we breathe does not occur overnight, but over the years, with increases in the number of motor cars per population unit, and the increase in population, the increases in industrial production, of electricity, and the increasing amount of waste produced by the population all add to it.

At some stage in our life-time, in cities such as Melbourne, we become aware of pollution of our atmosphere as a problem, a very serious problem, to which there is no easy solution. This stage has been reached in many parts of the United States, England, Germany and other countries that we generally label as civilised.

SMOG IS WORLD-WIDE PROBLEM

At one time the problem of smog appeared to be a feature of Los Angeles, its peculiar topography and wind movement, but today it is recognised in all centres of population.

In fact, the Division of Air Pollution of the United States Public Health Service has estimated that any place inhabited by 50,000 or more persons will have enough motor vehicles to create a potential for an air pollution problem.

There is a perpetual smog blanket over the industrialised section of the east coast of the United States, stretching from Washington to Boston.

If you take a plane out of Philadelphia, you can see the oil refineries lining the river and the smog blanket at 3000 feet. It is impossible to see the Manhattan skyline from New Jersey because of the innumerable number of pollution sources, largely chemical plants, lining the New Jersey side of the Hudson.

POLLUTION COSTS \$11,000 MILLION IN USA

The cost of air pollution in the American community has been estimated at \$11,000 million each year. Expenditure of some \$3000 million each year could reduce this markedly.

This \$3000 million is made up of the following—

- \$800m for motor car exhaust gases;
- \$350m for waste disposal;
- \$600m for sulphurous acid control; and
- \$1000m for industrial waste gas control.

This is \$1.30 per head of population each month.

In Australian terms, where our activity is running at about 1/40th of the USA, this is equal to about \$67,000,000. I doubt whether we are spending half of this amount in this country each year at the present time.

I spent most of this visit in the City of Pittsburgh, long noted, together with Sheffield in England and Essen in Germany, as among the dirtiest towns in the world.

Pittsburgh residents told me that one didn't wear white shirts before the late 1940's. Pale carpets were not used, and no one could hang out their laundry to dry.

The direct cost of pollution in Pittsburgh was such that one department store estimated that on one winter day alone smog soiled merchandise so seriously that the cost in cleaning and markdowns amounted to \$25,000.

Only when Richard Mellon, the multi-millionaire president of the Mellon Bank, Pittsburgh's largest, backed the clean air campaign, did opposition to this fall off, and the new deal in air for Pittsburgh become a reality.

Today there is a 40% improvement on the days the sun is observed, and the air is at least as clean as Melbourne's.

This is due to the combination of air pollution control programs by industry, the public utilities, railways and municipalities on the one hand, and the use of smokeless fuel—natural gas and smokeless coal, stoker fired—in homes, schools and offices.

The cost was around \$200m, and the saving was \$26m, in cleaning bills alone. Household laundry bills dropped by \$5.5m. Figures like this indicate that clean air pays. Unfortunately, pollution of the air tends to creep up, until, one day, we have a problem.

Today, air pollution control is part of the political platform of every USA politician who wishes to be elected.

DAMAGES EVERYTHING

Ordinary air in New York, as in most large cities, is filled with tons of pollutants; carbon monoxide from gasoline, diesel and jet engines; sulphur oxides from factories, apartment houses and powerplants; nitrogen oxides, hydrocarbons, and a broad variety of other compounds.

These poisons are not so dramatically dangerous most days of the year, as they were last Thanksgiving Day in New York when 80 persons died. But steadily, insidiously, they damage virtually everything that exists.

They aggravate respiratory problems in man—asthma, bronchitis, lung cancer and emphysema.

Emphysema, a lung disease, is one of the fastest growing causes of death in the United States today.

And it forces more than a thousand workers into early retirement every month.

Polluted air corrodes machinery. It defaces buildings. It may shorten the life of whatever it touches—and it touches everything.

This is not a problem of our largest cities alone. Many communities suffer days when the sun seems a pale orange ball hidden in a noxious cloud.

Small towns, farmlands, forests—men, animals and plants—are all affected by the waste we release into the air.

CAUSES HUGE ECONOMIC LOSS

The economic loss from pollution amounts to several billions each year. But the cost in human suffering and pain is incalculable.

This situation does not exist because it was inevitable, nor because it cannot be controlled.

Air pollution is the inevitable consequence of neglect. It can be controlled when the neglect is no longer tolerated.

It should be noted that the administration of the United States has taken this up as part of the Great Society Program is an impressive way, the Air Quality Act being signed just over a week ago.

What are the pollutants in the atmosphere and what are their sources?

MAIN OFFENDER IS THE MOTOR CAR

In the United States, the motor car is the principal offender. This is followed by manufacturing industry, electrical power generation, domestic and commercial space heating and refuse disposal.

The major pollutant is carbon monoxide from motor cars—an estimated 250,000 tons is emitted daily into the air over the United States. 3000 pounds for every 1000 U.S. gallons (i.e., 800 imperial gallons).

The second pollutant is sulphur dioxide. Although only a small amount of sulphur is found in petrol, sulphur is present in coal and fuel oil and many mineral deposits are in the form of sulphides.

The other pollution problems are hydrocarbons, the oxides of nitrogen and particulate matter. The main problems of the motor car are the carbon monoxide, the hydrocarbons, and the oxides of nitrogen.

The greatest factor, in any damage to plants is the hydrocarbon factor. Orange groves don't have a chance when they are close to freeways.

Sulphur dioxide emissions from thermal power stations, which account for 44% of the sulphur dioxide emitted, are increasing in size and number.

These sources, as well as those from other industrial processes, represent the air pollution problem for which technical and economic solutions are being actively sought.

SURVEY IN ST. LOUIS

The most complete survey has been carried out in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

This survey has been carried out in two phases—The first being a general study of the overall air pollution problem together with a study of public awareness and concern with air pollution. The second phase was a detailed survey of pollution which appeared in eight volumes.

These covered—

1. An inventory of sources;
2. Air quality measurements;
3. Odours;
4. Meteorology and Topology;
5. A study of effects;
6. An opinion survey;
7. Proposals for an Air Resources Management Program.

MELBOURNE NEEDS EXTENSIVE SURVEY

If we are going to control pollution effectively in our cities, surveys of this magnitude and extent must also be carried out here in Melbourne.

Our balance of pollution sources here resembles that in the United States and it is my opinion that we will have to make much more elaborate determinations of our pollutants.

Air pollution problems cannot be solved overnight by the waving of magic wands over the offending sources.

USA CARS BEING MODIFIED

The motor car is the most widespread offender and the modification of motor car engine specifications to comply with the new U.S. State and Federal Legislation is in progress.

By the end of last year, some 900,000 cars in California were equipped with exhaust control systems which will be routinely installed on 1968 cars.

These cars have reduced the emission of unburned hydrocarbons to 275 ppm. and of carbon monoxide to less than 1.5% or 1500 ppm.

Chrysler corporation achieve this by their "Clean Air Package" or C.A.P. modifications.

These include—

1. Positive crankcase ventilation;
2. A modified carburettor;
3. A slightly altered distributor; and
4. A sensing valve which controls the spark adjustment during deceleration.

General Motors and Ford have also changed their engine with similar modifications to comply with the new regulations.

The alternative to the petrol engine is the electrically-powered car, using either conventional batteries or fuel cells. Westinghouse have a small car in production in which electrically driven milk vans have been in use in England for over 10 years.

INCREASE PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO DECREASE CARS

My own opinion is that we must not only reduce pollution from cars, but also reduce the number of cars by providing public transport. This is the trend in such areas as San Francisco where the new Bay Area Rapid Transit System is being built.

The most obvious pollutants of course are the particles, which can be seen from some cement factories, steel works, power plants, and other heavy industries.

We have our own red clouds over Port Kembla, although I see from a short note in the newspapers that BHP is spending some \$6,500,000 to eliminate these.

Of course, there are numerous problems for which, so far, no satisfactory solution has been found.

Perhaps the industrial problem which the most work is being carried out on is the sulphur dioxide problem from thermal power station electricity generation.

U.S. GOVERNMENT BACKS RESEARCH

The United States Government is backing many research projects into the control of pollution in the universities, government research organisations and in industrial research laboratories.

The financial allocation by the U.S. Senate this year was \$75m; next year it will be \$100m and \$150m in the year 1970. Proposed government spending in this country on air pollution will be, to the best of my knowledge, non-existing as regards research and rather minimal otherwise.

The numbers employed in the State and Country control agencies in the USA in 1961 averaged 1.3 per 100,000. That would, on a Victorian basis, have meant a staff of 10. And now six years later, the personnel will be much greater.

COMMUNITY PROBLEM

Air pollution is a community problem, where community pressures will, we hope, gain government support for substantial programs of research and for the control agencies.

The programs in the United States cover not only research, but also education of control officials and engineers from industry in special courses run at about 12 universities.

The Centre for Air Environment Studies at Pennsylvania State University was set up in 1963, to co-ordinate research and instruction on the interaction of man, plant and animal with the atmospheric environment.

I feel that we must have one centre of this type in Australia but we cannot afford to spread our teaching and research facilities too widely. I hope that a proposal of this type may get substantial Federal Government backing.

The basic research at the Centre covers—

1. Properties and control of aerosols;
2. Properties and control of gases;
3. Sources of pollution;
4. Dispersion of contaminants;
5. Effects of biosystems;
6. Effects on materials;
7. Surveying and sampling; and
8. Social and political implications.

It has recently been estimated that 7000 trained personnel are required for the United States. Translating this into Australian terms, the number is about 350.

However, there is no direct post graduate interdisciplinary training in Australia, although it forms part of the fuel technology course in the University of New South Wales.

If we are to preserve our environment, as one in which we can enjoy our increasing leisure, we must fight pollution of the air, of the water, and of the land, with any and all means at our disposal.

This Society, the Clean Air Society is making its contribution by providing a technical forum by publication and by supporting research.

Seaholme Primary School Scholarships

Congratulations are extended to the following pupils of Seaholme Primary School who have been successful in gaining scholarships this year—6

Scholarship provided by Petroleum Refineries (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. (presented by Mr. Hooper): Jane Starbrook and Elwyn Saunders;

Australian Carbon Black Pty. Ltd. (Mr. Smythe): Sandra Kennedy and Anita Noordenne;

Union Carbide Pty. Ltd. (Mr. Hawkins): Wendy Jeffs;

Mr. L. C. Noordenne (Mr. Noordenne): Geoffrey Harrison;

The School Committee (Mr. Crofts): Leonie Rowe and David Hobbs;

The Mothers' Club (Mrs. Davies): Susan Smith and Cheryl Cook.

The Andrew Blackie Trophy which has been donated by a group of parents and friends of the school for the best sportsman of the year, has been won by Roslyn Smith. Congratulations, Ros.

HOUSE COMPETITION RESULTS

Batman, 517 points; Borraich 514; Flinders, 499; Fleming, 482. Congratulations to Batman House and thanks to all House Captains for an excellent job.

TENDERS FOR NEW POST OFFICE

The new post office and telephone exchange at Altona have been included in the department's building works program for 1967-68, and documentation is proceeding towards calling tenders late in this financial year.

It is now expected that the Director, Department of Works will call tenders for the post office in April, 1968, and for the telephone exchange in May, 1968. This information was received following further inquiries from Mr. M. W. Lee, MHR for Labor.

'GOLDEN BOWLER' TROPHY WON BY LOCAL TEAM

ONE WIN ONLY IN BOWLS

Last Saturday the pennant results were not so good for the Altona Bowling Club, as No. 3 Team was the only winner. Results are as follows—

No. 1 Team were defeated by ICI 91-96. McNeillage, L. Cox, R. Don, Mathers: 27-25; Whitmore, Hill, I. Douglas Malloy: 21-26; A. Nettleton, R. Douglas, Carton, Fisher: 22-18; Stephens, McDonald, Mitchell, Russell: 21-27.

No. 2 Team lost to Glenroy (2) 81-110. Newton, McMahon, Condon, Walsh: 30-31; Webster, Williams, B. Harrison, Watson: 17-30; O'Donnell, Probert, Bromley, Deegan: 9-35; Miles, A. Gischus, Richardson, Flynn: 25-14.

No. 3 Team defeated Glenroy (3) 102-82. Dart, Neal, Craig, Ffi Douglas: 33-22; Thorneycroft, Franks, W. Harrison, Inglis: 27-28; Siphthorpe, Buckley, Martin, Olliver: 24-15; Blair, J. Cox, Critchley, Burke: 19-17.

No. 4 Team lost to Newport (6) 82-105. Clark, Snowden, Carr, Roach: 22-26; B. Nicholls, Pilcher, D. Nicholls, Griffiths: 17-27; McKellar, Shillington, Bougoure, Abbottson: 18-32; Pugsley, Sutton, Eyre, Jemmerson: 25-20.

As mentioned last week there are no more pennant matches until February 3. This break is necessary to play the metropolitan singles, pairs and fours.

Last Sunday a number of members and associates from Maribyrnong Park came to Altona and played mixed rinks with Altona players.

A very pleasant day was had under perfect weather and playing conditions. In the absence of the club president (Mr. T. Burke) the senior vice-president, Mr. E. Roach, welcomed the guests and wished them the compliments of the season.

Later he presented the trophies to the winners.

The winning team was Mrs. H. Condon, Mrs. V. Sevier and Mr. A. Edwards. The runners-up were Mrs. V. Douglas, Mr. D. McKellar, Mrs. A. Bateman and Mr. W. Walsh.



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The first championship title in a new annual inter-club bowling event for a trophy donated by Altona bowler, Austin Malloy, has been won by a team from his own club, Altona. Open to bowlers from all clubs, the magnificent trophy "Golden Bowler" is competed for by open night bowls triples.

Four teams—one each from the Newport, ICI, Rosamond and Altona clubs—contested the first final last Friday night. Winners of the trophy were the Altona players, Don Siphthorpe, Bob Don and George Russell. Second was Newport, third ICI and fourth Rosamond.

Smiling broadly as he happily accepts the trophy from the donor, Austin Malloy, is president of the Altona Club, Mr. Tom Burke (second from the right). On the left and reading from the left are players in the winning team—Don Siphthorpe, Bob Don and George Russell. On the extreme right is Mr. Bill Walsh.

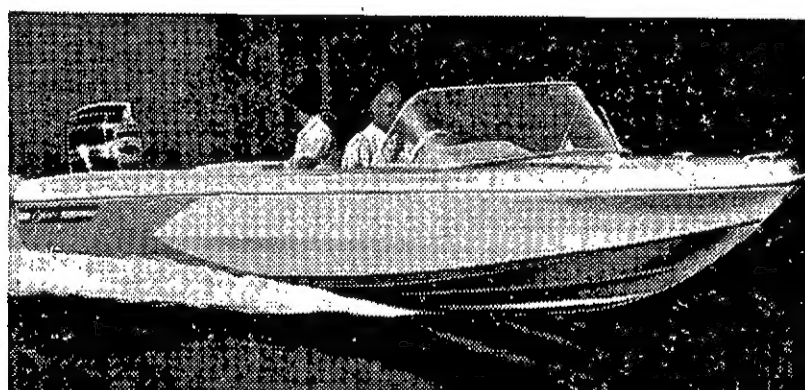
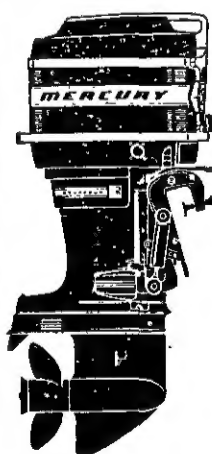
Mr. Burke presented individual trophies to each of the finalists. A photographer was on hand to record the presentations. The president thanked the Altona Bowls Committee for their hard work and excellent organisation of the tournament and the ladies of the club for the suppers provided on each night of play.

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DRIVE-IN GOES PSYCHEDELIC

You may find this hard to believe, but the Sunshine Drive-in Theatre is going psychedelic on New Year's Eve with an "Adorna Cuddly Couple Dance Competition."

"Village" Drive-in promoters have ordered four portable dance floors for the occasion when young swingers will be able to compete for a lady's diamond sapphire ring and six cold bottles of champagne.

The ring has been donated by Adorna and to be eligible for the competition dancers must have an "Adorna Cuddly Couple" sticker on their car.

These stickers may be obtained from any Village Drive-in, Spottless shop or 3UZ.

When the competition is over swingers will have the opportunity to groove to a top local group before the "Spook Show" starts.

Cuddly couples will be able to shake and shiver with horror at the movies "PSYCHOPATH" and "THE DEADLY BEES" and after that they should be more than glad to go home. (Incidentally, both of these films are strictly AO.)

Rumour has it that the Brooklyn and Sunshine Drive-in Theatres have been importing ghosts and demons from the dark corners of the earth for their spook shows.

But not to worry, it's only a rumour.

GOSSIP

The staff of the "Altona Star" (I think this includes me) will be on holiday for the next fortnight so I must spread enough gossip to last over the Christmas holidays and into the New Year.

Firstly, Jeff is starting a school. I must contact his secretary and establish a place there.

Leigh and Harold (not the one from the "Catcher") were last seen in Bombala.

Seen amongst "Bus Stop's" Children on Sunday night was Jock Starrock.

Also seen amongst the crowd at the "Battle of the Sounds" was Tommy "One Goal" Hogan.

Gail and Sue seen at the Rifle. Will the discotheque planned for Newport ever open up?

How much longer will "Wild Side" last?

Paula has acquired Dawn's mini skirt. Dawn has a very wise husband who reads an encyclopaedia at breakfast each morning before he leaves for his job as latrine officer.

Johnny Angel had the biggest shock of his life last week when he was turned down for a date.

Those making the trip to Queensland over Christmas include Throb, Tas, Chooka, Clarkey, Alan and the Maharishi.

Note that "Bus Stop's" New Year's Eve Dance will be on a Friday.

Chang was mistaken for some body else by Sue from Werribee, lately.

Noel and Greg arrived back safely from the 3XY Happening on Sunday afternoon.

New group in Melbourne called The Trap comprises Edgell, James (Mixtures), Yvonne Barrett, Phil Blackmore (organist) and three of the Kinetics.

Will Peter Doyle join a group?

According to Mojo Lee the Brown Eyed Handsome Jam won the "Battle of the Sounds" purely by experience. They set their volume to suit the size of the hall whereas Madame Applebee was a bit loud.

Watch out for Britain's latest group, The Scaffold, featuring Paul McCartney's brother.

Meanwhile the group to watch for in America is The Association.

Also going from strength to strength is Brenton Wood. The Iguana should release another record soon.

Melbourne group, the Procession—Big, Big, Big.

Peter Doyle's record to be released in the USA.

Bob Dylan is slowly returning to the scene.

Peter, Paul and Mary's new disc is a ripper.

Was Lynne Randell a flop at the 3XY Happening?

Hey, I like that new release of Lynne's old number.

More changes in the Spencer Davis line up.

Bee Gees are busy.

Would you believe a change in style for the Bay City Union?

CHRISTMAS AT "WILD SIDE"

A special Christmas Dance will take place at "Wild Side," Somerville-rd., Yarraville, this Friday night when feature groups will be Python Lee Jackson and the Laurie Allen Revue. An extra attraction will be Santa's Go-Go Girls.

"Wild Side" will recommence the New Year on January 18 with the James Taylor Move.

Ray Evans reports that the Ram Jam "Big Band" is back in Melbourne following their four week stint in Adelaide.

If you wish to see them they will be appearing at Opus on December 24.

They are due to release a new record in January.

SLOT CAR HINTS by Nev.

The Victorian Junior Slot Car Drivers' Championship is well under way and the first of the six heat winners from Altona was declared at the Altona Mini Raceway on Saturday.

The championship is open to all juniors who must be under the age of 16 on March 1.

On January 20 the six heat winners from each track will battle it out at Altona to find the track winner.

All track winners will receive trophies and become eligible for the Victorian final at Exhibition Buildings on January 26.

If you wish to enter, just contact me at Altona Mini Raceway.

OTIS IS DEAD

Pop singers and musicians throughout the world are mourning the death of Otis Redding, the King of Soul.

Otis, who topped Elvis Presley as the world's No. 1 vocalist in "Melody Maker" 1967, international pop-poll was killed with four members of his group in a plane crash in the United States last week.

Top songs of Otis include "Respect," "Mr. Pitiful" and "I've Been Loving You Too Long."

"BATTLE OF THE SOUNDS"

Official placings in Altona's "Battle of the Sounds" are—
1st: Brown Eyed Handsome Jam; 2nd: Madame Applebee; 3rd: Erosions.

LETTERS

Dear Ron,
I would like to thank the girl named Rhonda for her letter stating that the Eternals should get more publicity, and a lot of people I know agree with her.

The Eternals are a great and very popular band and it's for this reason that they cannot (against their wishes) join in a lot of activities such as the "Battle of the Sounds."

Thank you for your "Note on the Eternals" behalf stating that they are a very different band from the others in, and around the district.

You see, the Eternals can play anything that a 50/50 band gives scope for and this leads to a wide range of bookings for many kinds of functions.

A small note in reply to Penny Broadman's letter, I would just like to say that when and if the Eternals get as much free time as Madame Applebee then I'm sure they will be more than happy to join in a "Battle of the Sounds."

An Eternal fan forever.

ANNE

Dear Mr. Coleman,
Your recent article on the "Battle of the Sounds" has seen us wondering just who did win.

The heading read "Brown Eyed Handsome Jam Wins Altona Battle," but reading your column we found you wrote mainly on the Madame Applebee Group. Do you think that fair?

Seeing as the Jam did win then why don't you give them the write up they deserve? You part about it being fitting that the Jam should win as they are Altona's eldest group is a lot of rubbish. Wasn't the "Battle" for the best group, not the oldest?

You also mention that Madame Applebee put up a great performance, what about the Jam? Don't they deserve credit for their performance?

We're getting sick and tired of hearing you rave on about Madame Applebee, if they are as great as you say they are then why didn't they win the battle?

The Jam won the "Battle" fair and square, so give them the credit they deserve and be fair. Also, is it true that you are Madame Applebee's manager?

Three cheers for the Brown Eyed Handsome Jam.

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ENTERTAINMENT Dances

FRIDAY NIGHT: "Wild Side" St. Augustine's Hall, Somerville-rd., Yarraville.

SUNDAY NIGHT: Bus Stop Centenary Hall, Werribee.

Drive-in

Showing at the Brooklyn Village Drive-in for one week from Thursday, December 21, will be "THE UGLY DACHSHUND"

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3.—The Last Waltz

4.—Gimme Little Sign

5.—Snoopy's Christmas

6.—Sadie

7.—Don't Let Your Left Hand Know/My Prayer

8.—Hello, Goodbye

9.—Judy

10.—Cathy Come Home

The Twilight

Mothers "Worried Sick"

Altona North mothers are "worried sick" by the school crossing at the corner of Blackshaws-rd. and Chambers-rd. in Altona North.

"Surely something will be done before a child is killed," writes one woman in a plea to the shire council.

She is Mrs. R. Blake, of 417 Blackshaws-rd., Altona North. The council is taking action over the letter.

A traffic count is to be done as soon as the local children return to school.

Cr. G. den Dulk moved that the council do the traffic count. The engineer, Mr. R. C. Immons, told the meeting: "We have a crossing there, but some people think it is in the wrong place."

"The application is not for another crossing, but for it to be re-located."

"The complaint stems from buses pulling up close to the school crossing. I know that the bus owner instructed his drivers not to stop there, but the fact they still did."

"So now the bus owner has moved the stop from the west to the east side of the road," Mr. Immons said.

Mrs. Blake said in her letter to the council—

"I wish to make a strong complaint about the school crossing at the corner of Blackshaws and Chambers-rds., Altona North."

"I have just spent another growing half hour waiting here for my children to come out of school and during that time there must have been at least 10 cars or trucks at the crossing whilst the children were waiting to cross."

"This is a daily occurrence which I can vouch for, as the crossing is outside my home and I am on the spot every day. Apart from this blatant action by the motorists, it is surely the worst crossing in Victoria."

"There is not a sign anywhere along Blackshaws-rd. to warn motorists they are approaching a crossing."

"The crossing is only about 15 to 20 feet from a busy intersection and cars coming round the corner from Chambers-rd. are right on the crossing before they can stop."

"There is a bus stop sign right on top of the crossing and buses pull in whilst children are waiting to cross, so that they have to walk from behind the bus to cross the road and consequently cars or trucks cannot see them until they are in the middle of the road."

"I have complained about this before, I rang your offices and spoke to someone who assured me that something would be done, but that is over two months ago and still the situation exists. Surely something can be done before a child is killed."

"There should be two crossings, one outside the school and another across Chambers-rd."

"If not this, at least warn the motorists with signs that there are children crossing. This dangerous state of affairs should not be allowed to exist," Mrs. Blake said.

Altona Accordion Band Recital

Would members of the Altona Accordion Band playing at the Brooklyn Hostel on Saturday night, 23rd December, please meet at the Hostel at 7.30 p.m.

KOORINGAL GOLF SCORES

SATURDAY, 16th DECEMBER

Boyd Einseidel Trophy: Won by A. Goode, nett 129.

Stroke: A Grade — G. Harrison (10) 69; B Grade — J. Pritchard (15) 64; C Grade — D. Rodger (22) 62.

POINTS HARD TO COME BY AT FIRST SENIOR LIFE SAVING CARNIVAL

Last Saturday, December 17, the Altona Life Saving Club went by bus to Black Rock for the first senior carnival of the season.

The team departed with high hopes but, however, they were not to be so successful this day.

The first event was the march past in which Altona unfortunately failed to gain a place. However, a surprise third in A Grade in the senior men's reel and line boosted hopes.

The girls were the next to gain points with Lyn Allen running second in the musical flags.

The flag relay teams missed out on a place in the finals.

Entrants in the Under-16 boys' swim wade swam well, but tired over the unusually long distance the bouys were placed from the shore.

Unfortunately the women's reel and line team did not gain a place.

The flag relay saw a little more success with the B Team gaining first place in the finals, however, South Melbourne lodged a protest and the relay was re-run. This time Altona finished second in front of South Melbourne.

A staunch performer, Ziggy Jablonski, came fourth in the musical flags—we fear he is putting on a little too much weight! Reg Swarbrick missed out on

qualifying for the championships in the alarm belt, partly due to a fumble with the belt. Sandra Butters, also a strong hope to qualify in the cylinder rescue race, with Sandra Edwards, just missed qualifying and came fourth.

The last points gained were by Danny Cook, who obtained third place in the men's beach sprint.

The next carnival will not be until Sunday, January 14, at Edithvale, so the team hopes to put in more training and obtain better results. The selection committee meeting for this will be on Monday, January 8, 1968.

During the routine beach clean carried out on patrol last week, it was noted a great number of cans and broken non-returnable bottles were left on the beach. The public is reminded that such carelessness can harm or seriously maim people, as shown by the records in the life saving club's first-aid books.

People are requested to place all rubbish in the receptacles provided by the council. Members are once again re-

Motor Bikes Annoy Residents

Fourteen residents of Purnell-st., Bell-ave., and Dove-ave., have sent a petition to the Minister for Local Government and the Chief Commissioner of Police complaining about the motor bikes that race around the streets of Altona.

They say they have been compelled to take the action because the shire council had done nothing about a similar petition they had sent to the council last April.

"The situation is now out of hand," they say.

Besides this, they claim the Altona police have said they can do nothing about the nuisance. The 14 people have now written a letter to the shire council in the latest round of their campaign.

The letter reads— "On April 25, 1967, we the residents of Purnell-st., Bell-ave., Dove-ave. and Robin-st., presented a petition to the Altona Shire Council complaining about disturbing the peace by motor bikes, etc., in the area."

"The council has promised much but not one thing has been done. The situation has become quite serious. There is very little let up from the noise between 4 p.m. and dusk weekdays and 9 a.m. until dusk weekends. We consider it is now out of hand."

We have been to the Altona police but they claim they can do nothing, hence the position.

"It appears that no one can do, or is willing to do, anything. This is just not feasible (it reasons that any person who wished could take a motor bike and race it around a vacant block, in the centre of Altona, to his heart's desire. Of course he couldn't. If it was next to a councillor's house or a policeman's house we are sure action would be immediate.)"

"Because of the gravity of the situation and lack of action, we have been compelled to petition the Minister for Local Government and the Police Commissioner to look into the matter."

"Our next step will be to present the problem to the Press."

The letter concluded. The shire council received the letter at its meeting on Monday night.

It decided to refer the letter to its first meeting next year.

Impounded Horses to be Sold

Last week four horses were found wandering on Kororoit Creek-rd. by ranger Mr. W. Onken and were duly placed in the Altona Shire Council's detention yard.

Yesterday, the Williamstown Court of Petty Sessions considered a prosecution of the "Unknown Owner" and it was directed that the horses be sold.

The sale will take place at the Altona detention yard at the rear of the council's store yard in Civic-pde. at 1.30 p.m. this day (Thursday).

mind that money for the Mil-dura carnival is due by Thursday, December 21.

The Christmas effort was won by T. Ireno on a yellow ticket No. 88, sold by Barbara Allen.

Any members available for patrols over the Christmas period are requested to put their names on the notice board at the clubhouse.

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CRICKET REPORT

A GRADE TURF

Williamstown CYMS won the toss against Altona and batted first.

Bob Dare (Altona), who wrecked Newport Footballers in the previous round, nearly drew blood with his first ball, but Phillip Reid, playing his first game with A Grade, failed to hold a difficult chance.

Terry Gray, in the absence of John Duncan, made full use of the new ball, taking wickets in his first, third, fourth, fifth and sixth overs to finish with the excellent figures of 5/39.

Dare once again proved that he is one of the best express bowlers in the Williamstown, Altona and Footscray District Cricket Association by taking 4/27.

Altona had CYMS struggling at 9/53, but a hard hitting last wicket stand by Seiger and Ward enabled CYMS to finish with a more respectable score of 81.

In reply Altona lost the first six wickets for only 37, but then Jim Page and Dare steadied the Altona innings, taking the score to within 12 of the total required before Dare lost his wicket for 16.

Jack Dellar, who has had a very lean season, joined Page and together produced the runs necessary for victory.

It was a great win by Altona, who now, with Williamstown Imps losing to Newport ANA, go to second place on the ladder behind ANA.

W'TOWN CYMS—1st inns.:

BATCH, b Dare	6
MOORE, b T. Gray	5
WILKIE, c Thomas, b T. Gray	11
RAFFLE, b Gray	4
LETTIS, c Young, b T. Gray	6
J. G. KENNY, b Dare	5
JONES, c Cooney, b Dare	0
MICHAEL, b T. Gray	4
REIGER, b Page	21
J. K. KENNY, c&b Dare	0
WARD, not out	15
Sundries	4

TOTAL: 81

BOWLING: T. Gray 5/39, R. Dare 4/27, J. Page 1/4.

ALTONA—1st inns.:

COONEY, b Reiger	8
THOMAS, c, b Michael	5
MCLEOD, c, b Reiger	1
YOUNG, lbw, b Michael	6
BIBBY, c, b Reiger	7
PAGE, stpd., b J. G. Kenny	33
HOSKEN, lbw, b Reiger	32
DARE, c, b Reiger	16
DELLAR, not out	18
T. GRAY, b J. G. Kenny	11
REID, b Ward	0
Sundries	14

TOTAL: 121

BOWLING: S. Reiger 5/45, J. G. Kenny 2/22, K. Michael 2/26.

B GRADE TURF

In B Grade Turf Altona defeated Newport Powerhouse on the first innings by two wickets and 25 runs.

Due to some good opening batting by Ron McCullagh and Jim Joyce, Barry Critchley then came in and batted excellently for 33 runs.

NEWPORT—1st inns.:

TROUGHTON, b Kirk	10
DAYKIN, c, b Kirk	3
OBORNE, c, b R. Gray	17
KERLE, b Michael	3
EVANS, c, b R. Gray	61
BRAV, b R. Gray	4
RUSSELL, lbw, b McCullagh	0
HARRIS, b McCullagh	6
GARDNER, not out	0
BUNTING, run out	0
PRESTON, absent	0
Sundries	12

TOTAL: 118

BOWLING: R. Gray 3/27, F. Kirk 2/20, R. McCullagh 2/30, N. Michael 1/29.

ALTONA—1st inns.:

McCULLAGH, c, b Kerle	27
JOYCE, c, b Daykin	25
R. GRAY, c, b Kerle	2
FORRESTER, c, b Kerle	1
MICHAEL, lbw, b Evans	10
CRITCHLEY, c, b Bunting	33
ORR, run out	20
MURPHY, not out	0
CALAZ, c, b Evans	0
CAMILLERI, not out	8
Sundries	7

TOTAL: Eight wickets for 133

BOWLING: B. Kerle 3/29, B. Evans 2/40, R. Bunting 1/4, I. Daykin 1/27.

C GRADE TURF

Kororoit Stars won the toss and put Altona in to bat in the one day match last Saturday in C Grade Turf.

Altona won this game of 30 overs each because their batting rate was better than four an over and their bowling and fielding was better than Kororoit Stars.

ALTONA—1st inns.:

MILNER, lbw, b McDonald	38
LEWIS, retired hurt	8
GRASSBY, c, b Titijewski	7
CHALMERS, c, b Fitzpatrick	2
DUCKETT, b P. Hateley	7
EAGAN, c, b P. Hateley	7
FORD, b P. Hateley	10
FLETT, not out	27
CRITCHLEY, not out	24
Sundries	0

TOTAL: Seven wickets for 136

BOWLING: P. Hateley 3/43.

KOROROIT STARS—1st inns.:

CARROL, lbw, b Flett	24
BANKS, b Ford	0
FITZPATRICK, b Flett	1
TITIJEWSKI, c, b Cox	5
ROLLASON, c, b Flett	0
McDONALD, c, b Cox	16
P. HATELEY, c, b Cox	0
NICHOLLS, stpd., b Flett	7
B. HATELEY, c, b Flett	8
POOLE, not out	4
HORTON, b Cox	0
Sundries	1

TOTAL: 66

BOWLING: K. Flett 5/30, G. Cox 4/11, R. Ford 1/21.

ALTONA—2nd inns.:

FLETT, not out	27
CRITCHLEY, not out	24
Sundries	4

TOTAL: No wickets for 55

Altona Cricket Club Social News

Every member of the Altona Cricket Club will wish to join the committee in congratulating Jack Dellar and Graham Hopkins for the excellent job they did in organising and executing the task of the special effort this year.

The club is very fortunate in having two so very competent committee members.

Mrs. Carolyn Scholes, president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the club, is making an appeal to the players of home matches. The players are supposed to bring along a plate so that refreshments are available for the opposition. These plates are not forthcoming as they should be.

Some players are not bringing them, so Carolyn asks that a larger effort be made after the Christmas recess please.

Good luck came to Mrs. Kirk, the president's wife, who won that impressive hamper at the weekend.

The committee wishes to extend to all members and supporters their best wishes for Christmas and the coming New Year. May all players return to the fray prepared to make more runs and take more wickets after the break.

BATMAN.

CHURCH CRICKET SCORES

The sixth round of matches in the Western Suburbs Protestant Churches Cricket Association was a one-day fixture, and was played with divided time last Saturday.

Some upsets occurred, mainly in A Grade. Previously undefeated Seddon/Yarraville Congs. were soundly beaten by Barkly-st. Meths. Williamstown Congs. finished in front of St. Andrew's (Williamstown). In B Grade Yarraville Pres. easily defeated the favourites in St. Stephen's (North Williamstown). In Junior South Section Williamstown Congs. also defeated Christ Church (Newport).

Considering the smaller amount of time available some excellent batting performances were recorded and those to show out mainly included Ken Kennedy 90, Leon Bates 80, Murray 78, Shorten 77, Leigh Murray 66, n.o., Eric Duncan 65, Treadwell 58, Wayne Manallack 51 and Ern Neville 50.

Best of the bowlers was Noel Bunce, who took 9/27. Others to show out included Dick Day 6/28, Peter McGowan 6/42, Dick Ross 6/47, Ivan Quinn 5/13, Ray Booker 5/37, Clark 5/28, Lou Bowling 5/50.

Results of the matches are as follows—

A GRADE

Kingsville Baps. 193 (W. Anderson 30 n.o., A. Jackson 43, Culbard 29, Viney 3/55) d. Newport Meths. 110 (E. Cocks 26, D. Cocks 16, Dowling 5/50) on the first innings.

Williamstown Congs. 103 (McGowan 45, B. Homewood 4/20, Rowe 3/39) d. St. Andrew's 97 (Rowe 21, Lewczuk 43, Bowyer 3/39, McGowan 6/42) on the first innings.

Tottenham Baps. 9/166 c.c. (L. Murray 66 n.o., A. Murray 19, Keeping 18, Maguire 17, R. Hayes 4/36) and 3/55 (Maguire 19) d. Yarraville Baps. 95 (R. Hayes 27, K. Hargreaves 19, Ross 6/47, Maguire 3/36) on the first innings.

Barkly-st. Meths. 3/214 c.c. Kennedy 90, Bates 80, Hollings 25 n.o.) d. Seddon/Yarraville Congs. 8/175 (Duncan 65, D. Prentice 36, G. Manton 31, Quinn 5/13, McPherson 3/67) on the first innings.

B GRADE

Paisley-st. Baps. 7/256 c.c. (Shorten 77, Merry 78, Erm 44) d. Christ Church Newport 133 (Turner 44, Sears 22, Treadwell 20, D. Clements 3/12, Kennedy 3/19) on the first innings.

North Williamstown Church of Christ 7/154 (E. Neville 50, W. Neville 34 n.o., G. Hayes 19) d. Williamstown Meths. 9/122 c.c. (Sedgwick 29, Brewer 28, Williams 15, McWilliam 19, Lawerson 3/42) on the first innings.

Yarraville Pres. 122 (Day 37, G. Curwood 23, Anslow 19, Clark 5/28) d. St. Stephen's North Williamstown 72 (Flower 17, Day 6/28, G. Curwood 4/31) on the first innings.

C GRADE

St. Eanswythe's defeated Newport Baps. on the first innings in a very close match at Ford Reserve last Saturday.

Newport, batting first, appeared to be in a good position with tea approaching when they were 1/106, but then Brian Garde and Geoff Stephens hit a good length and Newport collapsed for 123.

St. Eanswythe's then commenced its first innings requiring 124 runs in 151 minutes.

However, in the face of a very accurate attack St. Eanswythe's dropped behind the clock, but as the bowlers became tired the run-getting rate increased and St. Eanswythe's was able to make the runs with 10 minutes to spare.

Top scorers were John Morton (35) and Brian Garde (28).

Newport Baps.—1st inns.:

WEISS, b Haskey	6
ANDREWS, stpd., b	41
Stephenson	5
TREADWELL, c, b B. Garde	58
MAYNARD, c, b Stephenson	0
PALMER, not out	7
I. DOUGALL, b Stephenson	0
G. DOUGALL, run out	0
WADSWORTH, b B. Garde	0
ROWSELL, c, b Stephenson	7
CHANDLER, b B. Garde	0
KENNEDY, b B. Garde	0
Sundries (3lb, 1nb)	4

TOTAL: 123

BOWLING: B. Garde 4/25, G. Stephenson 4/29, I. Haskell 1/35, J. Holden 0/8, P. Tyrell 0/22.

St. Eanswythe's—1st inns.:

B. GARDE, run out	28
MORTON, c, b Maynard	35
D. GARDE, b Maynard	11
HOLDEN, b I. Dougall	5
HASKELL, c, b I. Dougall	3
CARTON, c, b I. Dougall	10
STEPHENSON, b I. Dougall	15
PRICE, c, b Maynard	13
COURTOT, run out	6
WYNANDS, not out	12
TYRELL, not out	1
Sundries (5b, 2lb, 4nb)	11

TOTAL: Nine wickets for 140

BOWLING: I. Dougall 4/31, J. Maynard 4/57, M. Weiss 0/12, G. Dougall 0/29.

Ballarat-rd. Meths. 147 (P. Annear 45, Bartholomeusz 23, D. Woodyard 30, Booker 5/37, Stoneham 4/29) d. All Saints Footscray 125 (McInnes 24, Carruthers 29, Stoneham 19, P. Starford 3/28, McGilvray 3/35) on the first innings.

Seddon/Yarraville Congs. 7/211 (W. Manallack 51, N. Manton 37, G. Prentice 42, Spicer 23 n.o., K. Hardiman 4/49) d. Kingsville Baps. 82 (Cass 32, N. Manton 4/34, Comben 3/20) on the first innings.

St. Andrew's Footscray 8/173 c.c. (Whitby 37, G. Wescott 21, Hadlow 35 n.o., R. Broughton 15 n.o., White 4/42, McInnes 4/62) d. Tottenham Baps. 59 (Bunce 9/27) and 5/74 (Just 28, McInnes 14 n.o.) on the first innings.

JUNIOR NORTH SECTION
Kingsville Baps. 2/126 d. Yarraville Baps. 4/76 c.c. on the first innings.

Ballarat-rd. Meths. 5/125 c.c. d. All Saints Footscray 1/4 on the first innings.
Maidstone Church of Christ 8/130 d. St. Andrew's Footscray 6/110 c.c. on the first innings.
Tottenham Baps. 7/55 c.c. d. Barkly-st. Meths. 46 on the first innings.

JUNIOR SOUTH SECTION

St. Eanswythe's Juniors defeated St. Stephen's in a one-day game last Saturday morning. With St. Stephen's winning the toss and electing to bat first they could only manage 79 runs, with Bruce Grant taking 6/35 off 9.5 overs. R. Lawerson top scored with 37.

St. Eanswythe's then slaughtered the St. Stephen's attack, making 2/176 by stumps with Brian Garde missing his century by six runs. He was ably backed up by Geoff Stephenson (52 not out).

St. Stephen's—1st inns.:

LAWERSON, c Grant	37
P. NORMAN, c, b Chatfield	1
ILEY, b Grant	2
D. NORMAN, c, b Grant	11
RHODES, not out	3
BACKHOUSE, run out	3
SPEECHLEY, b Grant	6
RAVENSCROFT, c, b	5
Stephenson	52
H. NORMAN, b Grant	1
CROUCH, b Grant	0
Sundries (1b, 2lb, 3nb)	6

TOTAL: 79

BOWLING: B. Grant 6/35, G. Stephenson 1/17, S. Chatfield 1/21.

St. Eanswythe's—1st inns.:

B. GARDE, not out	94
COURTOT, b Rhodes	0
MORTON, b P. Norman	8
STEPHENSON, not out	52
Sundries (13b, 1lb, 8nb)	22

TOTAL: Two wickets for 176

BOWLING: P. Norman 1/18, W. Rhodes 1/26, P. Iley 0/8, D. Norman 0/10, J. Crouch 0/12, H. Norman 0/14, L. Speechley 0/14, W. Backhouse 0/16, C. Ravenscroft 0/36.

North Williamstown Church of Christ d. Electra-st. Meths. No. 2 on the first innings.

Williamstown Congs. 5/89 c.c. (Holmes 47, Caldwell 31) d. Christ Church Newport 47 (Caldwell 3/4, Holmes 5/15) on the first innings.

Altona Pres. 7/121 (K. Haining 30 retired, Hitchcock 26, McKinney 20, Capper 3/9) d. St. Andrew's Williamstown 62 (H. Moore 24, Hitchcock 3/13, G. Wilson 3/28) on the first innings.

Electra-st. Meths. No. 1 4/157 c.c. (Fenton 57, McTaggart 52, Stewart 25) d. John-st. Meths. 47 (Kerr 25 n.o., Fenton 3/14, Morlang 3/10, McTaggart 3/5) on the first innings.

After six rounds of matches the teams are placed as follows—

A GRADE: Seddon/Yarraville Congs. 36 points, Tottenham 36, Kingsville 36, Barkly-st. 28, St. Andrew's 20, Newport 18, Williamstown 14, Yarraville Baps. 12.

B GRADE: Paisley st. 34, Nth. Williamstown 34, Williamstown 28, St. Stephen's 24, Yarraville 14, Maidstone 10, Christ Church 10.

C GRADE: Seddon/Yarraville 40, Ballarat-rd. 34, St. Eanswythe's 32, Newport 28, Kingsville 24, St. Andrew's 24, Tottenham 14, All Saints 12.

JUNIOR NORTH: Tottenham 38, Kingsville 32, Ballarat-rd. 26, St. Andrew's 24, All Saints 22, Yarraville 20, Maidstone 20, Barkly-st. 14.

JUNIOR SOUTH: North Williamstown 52, St. Eanswythe's 52, Electra-st. No. 1 42, John-st. 26, St. Stephen's 26, Christ Church 24, Williamstown 16, St. Andrew's 14, Altona 10, Electra-st. No. 2 6.

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Laverton Report

by PROG.

I must apologise, I made a "boo boo" last week when I stated that the Laverton Progress Association is calling a public meeting to form a "swimming pool committee" on January 12, 1968.

It should, of course, have read February 12, 1968, after the kids have gone back to school.

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ONLY TWO MORE SHOPPING DAYS LEFT.

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I notice that Fitzgerald-rd. (otherwise known as Munitions-rd., otherwise known as Explosives-rd., etc.), is being widened at last, but only as far as the Laverton boundary (Boundary-rd.).

I made some inquiries in Sunshine regarding the other end of this road, only to be told by Cr. Bon Thomas (the Mayor of Sunshine) that unfortunately no work can be undertaken in this area at present owing to pressure of projects under way in other parts of the city.

I was sorry to hear this for there are hundreds of cars from Laverton and Altona traverse this road every day and up to now it has been a miracle that there has been no serious accidents along there.

However, it is completely a reconstruction job being subsidised by the Country Roads Board, and being carried out by Whiteside Constructors under contract to the Werribee Shire Council.

I understand that the WSC has been trying for years to get this road classed as a trunk road without success and there could be moves underfoot to have a traffic count on it as soon as the construction is completed, but up to now this is only hearsay.

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I understand from Mr. I. McArthur, head teacher of the North Laverton School, that when the school starts in 1968 an almost new staff of teachers is expected.

Most of these teachers are quite young, but terribly enthusiastic about their new appointments, but unfortunately they have no accommodation. This means that they will have to travel possibly to and from Footscray, or further afield than that.

I wonder if, per medium of this column, I could appeal to the good people of Laverton to possibly board some of these teachers, and therefore do the school and everyone concerned a tremendous service.

All inquiries concerning accommodation can be addressed to Hon. Secretary, 7 Bladin-st., Laverton, or contact Mr. I. McArthur (head teacher), 45 Cornermerer-st., Essendon; telephone 337-8495.

Amongst the new staff will be Mrs. E. Cooper (special class infant teacher), and Mr. N. Povov, deputy head teacher.

One of the teachers leaving is Mr. Dave Graham, who was senior teacher.

Parents are advised to retain the newsletter from school as this will give them the date that the children are to return to school (as if you could forget).

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The train pulled into Sunshine station last Saturday, December 16, and out popped about 40 grinning heads.

It was the young Aboriginal children from Robinvale, here to spend three weeks with "foster parents," and guests of the Aboriginal Advancement League.

Cr. Bon Thomas, the patron of the Western Suburbs branch, was there to meet this happy-go-lucky lot and to wish them a good holiday, and I'm sure he "would not have missed it for quids" to use his expression.

I believe that the "foster parent" side of the League has quite a waiting list for children and Mrs. Royes, the secretary of the Laverton branch, said that it was about 50 in this area who had inquired regarding putting their names down.

Looks like it is going to be an annual re-union between the kids and their "foster parents," and for both parties, a happy one.

Should be more of this Christmas spirit, only it should last all year round, not just three weeks of the year.

More members are still needed.

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As we are all aware, the newly formed Australian Air League is in full swing now and is ready to further its squads to other fields of training.

One of these will be "flag drill," or as was commonly known as "parading the colours."

This at the moment is difficult, says Mr. G. Milne, since the Laverton Squadron has no colours to parade.

Now here is a chance worthwhile waiting for, if some business man or company could donate the colours, then he would be indeed doing a very charitable act.

Mr. Milne assured me that the ceremony of dedicating the colours is quite a big affair and one that would be remembered in Laverton for years to come.

It is perhaps a shame that there are no big businesses in Laverton as yet, but possibly there could be a philanthropist in Altona shire who may take this small appeal to heart.

Notification from the Werribee Shire Council that it has looked into the matter of a "light-controlled crossing" in Bladin-st. and has passed on its recommendations to the Municipal Council Association for its perusal.

This of course is a gradual ascent to "the powers that be," so we must be satisfied with the fact that it at least has some small merits.

Meanwhile the children will be even harder to tie down since they started their holidays on Tuesday and it's up to Mum to "road train" them during this period (and the best of luck, Mum).

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"Willie the Wag," up to his old tricks again, suggested to Mum that they play a little game.

"The first one to speak has to do the washing up all the time we are on our holidays," he told Mum.

Five minutes elapsed then Mum got up and picked up Willie's cheque book and a pen.

Pen poised dangerously near to that book and he couldn't stand the pain any longer. He said: "For gosh sake Mum, don't do it. I'll do the drying up if you'll do the washing."

She shook her head.

"I'll make the bunks up, too," he pleaded, and again she shook her head.

"Oh please Mum, what do you want of me then?" he cried.

She started to write and Willie was near in tears.

She wrote: "I've got a lollie stuck in my throat, pat me on the back."

That was where he got his own back he said.

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This being the last chance I shall get this year, I would like to wish all readers the compliments of the season and, please, make it an accident-free one. Merry Christmas.

More next year, PROG.

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We wish all our readers and advertisers happiness at this Christmas time and in the New Year and years to come.

SCOPE OF STUDY WIDENED AT ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL

A new art-craft course will be introduced into all primary schools in 1968 said the head master of Altona Primary School, Mr. G. H. L. Treyvaud, in a report to parents.

He said the main idea behind the course is to allow greater scope for children to express ideas, in a variety of media.

Unfortunately, the materials required are rather expensive, commented Mr. Treyvaud. The curriculum has already been widened at the beginning of this year, he added.

This was in an endeavour to cater for the interests of as many pupils as possible.

Each child was given the opportunity to choose and study a subject in which he or she is particularly interested.

Thus the child's interest was ensured because he or she chose the subject.

Another advantage, said Mr. Treyvaud, was that small numbers allowed for a maximum interchange of ideas between the pupils and the pupils with the leader.

No limit was placed on the extent of the developed interest.

However, the school is seeking the help of the community to operate this scheme. The more leaders available, the smaller the groups.

Mr. Treyvaud is seeking the assistance of parents who have some special interest or hobby. He is sure they would fit in somewhere in the scheme.

Time taken up by the activity would be about 45 minutes each week with a group of 10 children.

Topics the children have selected include — rocks, stamps, planes, space, insects, reading, oceanography, pets, model ships, wild life, botany, needlework, ethnology, art, first-aid, electronics, archaeology, old time dancing, inventions, modern anatomy, criminology, history, astronomy and geography.

Enjoyable Outing For Altona Youngsters

Saturday December 9, proved to be an exciting day for 20 youngsters, when as guests of the Altona Lions Club, they visited Luna Park.

During the morning members of the local Lions Club joined forces with Lions members from many centres to escort hundreds of our less fortunate children to an open day and all the thrills of the Carnival.

In addition to the "Open Morning," the youngsters enjoyed Fairy Floss, drinks and ice cream and Father Christmas provided each child with a generous Christmas Stocking.

The morning proved to be one which the children will long remember.

TIDE TABLE

High and low tides at Williams town are as follows—

	HIGH		LOW	
December	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
20 Wed.	5.58	4.35	11.38	11.34
21 Thurs.	6.30	5.18	—	12.15
22 Fri.	6.58	6.03	12.01	12.50
23 Sat.	7.24	6.50	12.38	1.23
24 Sun.	7.51	7.41	1.17	2.00
25 Mon.	8.22	8.37	2.00	2.41
26 Tues.	8.58	9.44	2.45	3.28
27 Wed.	9.40	11.02	3.34	4.25
28 Thurs.	10.29	—	4.33	5.32
	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
29 Fri.	12.27	11.24	5.47	6.47
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The lady sponsor, Mrs. A. Fairhall, wife of the Minister for Defence, Mr. Allan Fairhall, maintained her gracious composure until the bottle, under considerable duress, surrendered to its fate and the SWAN moved smoothly and impressively down the launchways into the water.

Members of the official party on the launching dais included the Minister of State for Defence, The Hon. Allan Fairhall, MHR; the Minister of State for the Navy, The Hon. Donald L. Chipp, MHR; First Naval Member, Vice Admiral Sir Allan W. R. McNicoll, KBE, CB, GM; Second Naval Member, Rear Admiral William J. Dovers, DSC; Fourth Naval Member, Rear Admiral William D. H. Graham, CBE; Secretary, Department of the Navy, Samuel Landau, CBE; and Chairman, Defence Business Board, L. B. Evans, CBE.

Prior to the ceremony, Mrs. Fairhall was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Katherine Leslie, grand daughter of Mr. George Doig, who has completed 48 years service in the Dockyard.

After the ceremony a well-attended celebration was held in a large hall at the Dockyard beside the drydock, where the SWAN could be seen through the windows.

Short but impressive speeches were made by Mr. Chipp, Mrs. Fairhall, Mr. Evans and the manager of the Dockyard, Capt. F. F. Lord.

The hall was decorated with red, white and blue streamers and above a door was a particularly impressive arrangement of 18 ships' badges, made by the pattern makers of the Dockyard.

The badges were of fibreglass and are made for row boats and gun barrel covers.

Each Navy ship has its own specially designed badge and the one for H.M.A.S. SWAN is a black swan on a white background.

BOY REACHES SEMI-FINAL OF TOURNEY

At the Victorian Schoolboys' and Schoolgirls' Tennis Championships at Kooyong last week, Altona player, John Trickey, reached the semi-final of the boys' under-14 singles event.

From the 114 entries in this section he won his way through to be one of the final four players to play off for the title.

In the semi he led 6-4, but was defeated 8-6 by Paul McNamee, of Strathmore—a lad he had previously defeated in the hard-court titles.

John teamed up with Paul for the doubles event and the pair were runners-up to the title winners.

Greg Findlay was another Altona player to do well at the championships. He reached the doubles event.

Semi-finals of the under 15 boys' under 17 singles championship.

Michael Kelly entered the boys' under 17 singles championship.

He played well and reached the quarter finals.

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IN MEMORIAM

BURNS.—In loving memory of our only son, John, passed away Dec. 28, 1941. The reason is written somewhere. In a pattern God had planned. If we believe and trust in Him, Some day we will understand. His loving mother and father.

BURNS.—Loving memories of my darling brother, Jack, passed away Dec. 28, 1941. Love and memories last forever. Loving sister Jean, brother-in-law Alan, niece Elwyn.

DEATHS

DAVIS, Leonard.—Passed away 12/12/67. Age 56. Of 6 Gratwick St., Lalor. Formerly of Altona. Son of Isaac and Jeanette, brother of Margaret and brother-in-law of Alf Kee-shan. Rest in Peace.

SHIRE OF ALTONA

SIX TON LIMIT

ROADS CLOSED TO CERTAIN TRAFFIC

Primula Avenue, between Chambers Road and Millers Road. Clematis Avenue and Marigold Avenues. Bor-rack Square, Duke Street and Murphy Street. Stirling and Seaholme Avenues and Sussex Street.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Shire of Altona in pursuance of Section 540 of the Local Government Act 1958 as amended, has resolved to stop all vehicles exceeding a gross limit of six (6) tons carrying—

(a) Blue stone, quarry products and/or ferrous materials over or along Pri-mula Avenue, between Chambers Road and Mil-lers Road.

(b) Cattle, sheep and other animals; meat and meat products and/or ferrous materials over or along Clematis Avenue and Marigold Avenue.

(c) Earth, stone, clay, concrete and/or ferrous materials over or along Bor-rack Square, Duke Street and Murphy Street.

(d) Earth, clay, stones and similar materials over or along Stirling and Sea-holme Avenues and Sussex Street.

For the period commencing January 1, 1968, and ending on the 31st day of December, 1968, unless with the written consent of the Council or the Shire Engineer.

JAMES W. WATERS,
Shire Secretary.

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CIVIC OFFICES CLOSURE

The Civic Offices will close for the Christmas/New Year break at the close of business on Friday, December 22, 1967, and re-open at 8-30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 1968.

Infant Welfare Centres will also be closed for the same days.

Details regarding holiday emergencies are displayed on the notice board at the Civic Offices.

Garbage and sanitary clear-ances will be approximately as usual. The rubbish tip in Blackshaws Road, west end, will be open until 6 p.m. daily during the holiday period.

GARBAGE SERVICE

CHRISTMAS DAY: Garbage due for collection on Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day), will be collected on Tuesday, December 26 (Boxing Day).

BOXING DAY: Garbage will be collected as usual on Tues-day, December 26 (Boxing Day).

NEW YEAR'S DAY: Gar-bage will be collected as usual on Monday, January 1 (New Year's Day).

PUBLIC NOTICES

LIONS CLUB RAFFLE RESULT:

1st: M. Crooke, 7 Carlyle-st., Maidstone, ticket No. 2594;

2nd: P. G. Heriot, Clematis-ave., Altona North, No. 3504.

SHIRE OF ALTONA

EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION

of one Councillor held on Saturday, December 16, 1967.

DECLARATION

POLLING PLACES	CANDIDATES NAMES			
	Harrison, Robert Frederick	Weaver, Harry	Informal	Totals
Altona West, 4 Somers Parade	1,291	1,533	113	2,937
Altona West Primary School	516	703	34	1,253
Altona Primary School	1,577	2,515	116	4,208
Seaholme Primary School	1,540	2,280	102	3,922
Altona East Primary School	1,636	1,954	225	3,815
Brooklyn West Primary School	1,983	2,507	322	4,812
Altona North Technical School	1,606	1,922	302	3,830
Postal Votes	36	174	—	210
TOTALS:	10,185	13,588	1,214	24,987

MAJORITY FOR WEAVER — 3,403 Votes.

And I hereby declare H. WEAVER duly elected a COUNCILLOR of the SHIRE OF ALTONA for the period ending August, 1969.

JAMES W. WATERS,
Returning Officer.
Civic Offices, Altona, December 18, 1967.

SHIRE OF WERRIBEE

INCINERATOR AND RUBBISH DISPOSAL AREA AND CHRISTMAS RUBBISH CLEARANCES

The incinerator and rubbish disposal area shall be closed on the following days—

CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25; BOXING DAY, December 26; NEW YEAR'S DAY, January 1.

There shall be no alteration to rubbish clearances from homes at Werribee and Laver-ton over the Christmas and New Year period.

N. G. MINNS,
Shire Secretary.

WERRIBEE DISTRICT HOSPITAL NURSING SISTERS

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J. R. BUXTON
in his
early 20's.



The tracks leading to Melbourne Town were alive with travellers. Dust rose from flocks of sheep and mobs of cattle.

Cobb & Co.'s coaches rattled by, their passengers greeting the slow-moving traveller with a hearty Merry Christmas.

Swagmen humped the bluey. Cattlemen jog-trotted their horses who had kept a steady gait all day.

Bullock wagons laden with wool, slowly headed for Port Phillip. Wagonettes, buggies and every description of conveyance was on the track heading for the Big Smoke.

It was Christmas Eve, 1861. Most of the wealth of Victoria still came from the country, the gold fields and the outback.

For many, a trip to Melbourne Town was an annual affair. A time to buy a few things for the "missus and the kids." To meet old friends. Renew the lease on their holdings. Have a troublesome tooth removed. A few at Paddy Hannans pub in Bourke-st.

A bush-bred horse called "Archer" had won the first Melbourne Cup. Gas-lit streets gave the town an "I'm here to stay" effect.

Speculation on the future of Melbourne was still debatable. Built in the wrong place. They'll never make it. Williamstown was still a popular choice. The present G.P.O. had been under construction for two years. Designed to cope with business until the year 2000. "Can't last 12 months, built on a swamp. Where's their brains?"

And so the controversy continued until it was finally completed in 1867.

There was the knocker. Nothing was any "flamin' good" with the country. "Give it back to the blacks."

To the majority it had a future. These were the people who refused to give up. "What future's back home in the Old Dart?"

Gradually the old bark humpy gave way to the frame, brick and blue stone cottage.

Shop windows offered the latest in town dresses, silks, harness, leather goods, toys for the children. This was an exciting place for the bush born kids. A carnival with a merry-go-round, ferris wheel, hooplar and punching bags. They stood enchanted at the spruikers spiel.

A bar under a shady gum for Dad. City gents drank and swapped yarns with squatters, drovers, gold diggers and settlers. Speculation was on the price of wool, wheat, gold and land values. Everybody seemed to have a quid.

Down at the Hotel Australia. A Christmas party was warming to the music of an eight-piece band. The elite of Melbourne Town was in attendance. Boozing noise from the less fashionable public houses, made the town an exciting, roaring, fun-loving place. "This was the place for a village" was agreed to by all. Digger Murphy jobbed Tommy Rice. Murphy was collared by the constabulary and ended the night in the jug.

Somebody unhitched the trace chains on Lin Foo's two wheel wagonette. Vegetables scattered as the horse walked out of the sharves. Lin Foo's temper and dignity were not helped by the jarring yokels.

And so Christmas Eve 1861 wore on. Hansom cabs clopped their late young lovers to the suburbs of South Yarra, Toorak, Carlton and St. Kilda. The days are far gone since the Christmas Pudding was boiled in the communal coppers. A gold nugget a Christmas present. Overproof rum and home brewed brandy.

This was Melbourne as the young Robert Buxton first saw his early Christmases in the new Colony. A vast change from the horse and buggy to the motor car, telephones and inter-planetary exploration of the present day.

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